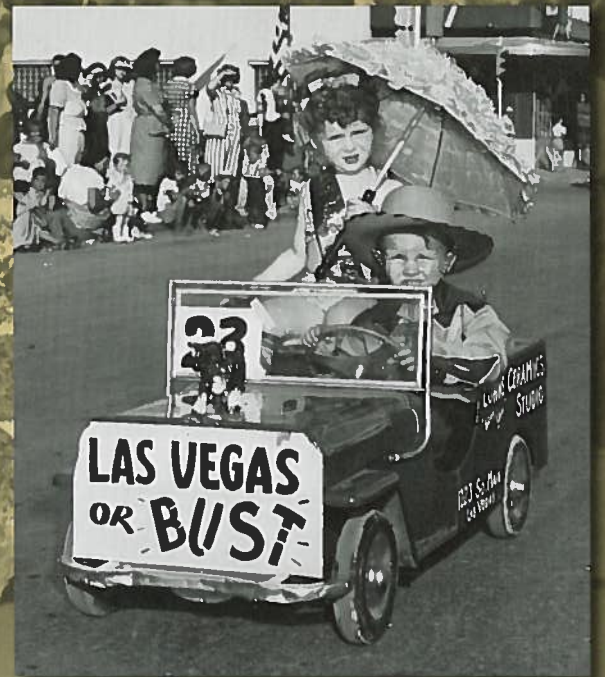
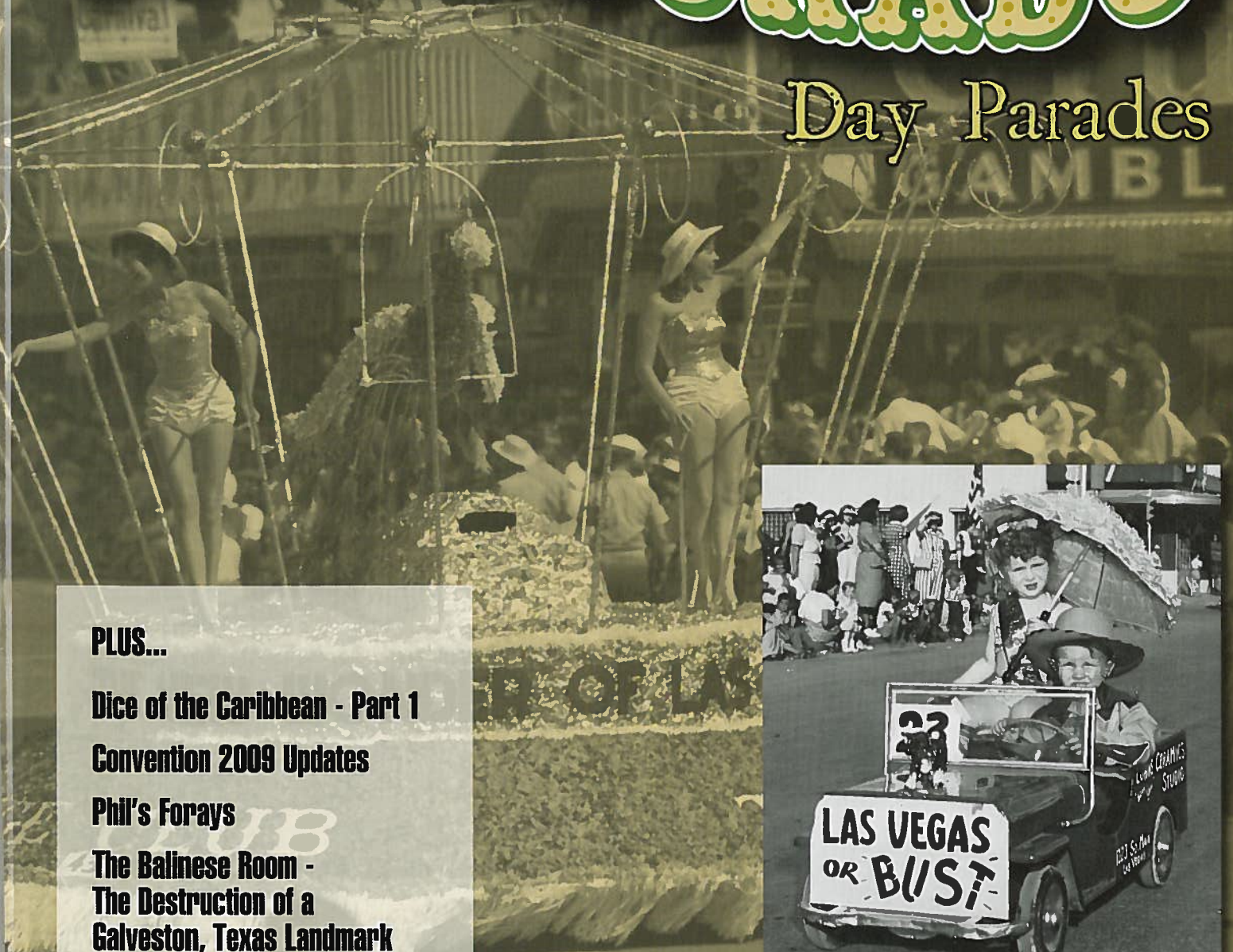


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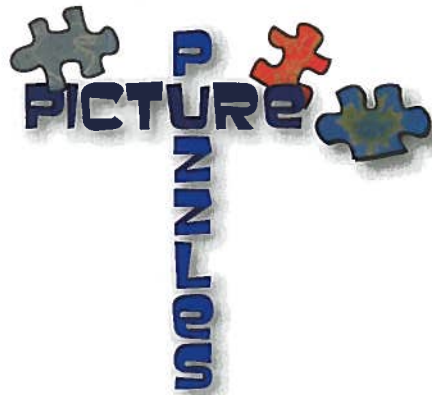


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Wayne Thompson
President

President's Letter

To say it has been an interesting year would be an understatement. The Board has been working daily to try and address the many issues that have come up.

As you will see from the other reports the major issues facing our organization are mainly financial. We, like most every organization and club in the country, are faced with rising costs and dwindling membership. The Board has been very proactive in trying to address these issues in a way that doesn't require raising the dues or reducing the magazine to three issues a year, the two easy solutions.

At our recent mid-year Board of Directors meeting we developed a financial plan that we believe will allow the Club to operate without a loss for this calendar year, and still provide basically the same member services. Published on the Club website is a breakdown of the projected savings and projected new revenue. We feel the numbers we used are realistic and will keep the Club financially viable going forward.

I know everyone is excited about the upcoming Convention and I think all attendees will love the South Point Casino. As always we need all of our members to stay at the South Point in the Club room block so we get credit for the room nights which will help us negotiate a better deal for next year.

Since I chose not to run for re-election this will be my last letter as President. I want to thank all the members who have given me the opportunity to serve 6 years on the Board and for all the support. I would be re-miss if I did not thank all the volunteers who do so much to make this Club and this hobby so great.

I also want the membership to know that we are so fortunate to have Jay Sands, Doug Smith, and Steve Bedo staying on the Board. These are three of the most dedicated members we have and they watch the Club's finances probably better than their own. We are lucky they are willing to stay on, and I want to personally thank them for all they do and have done for the last two years. I also want to thank Belinda Hixon who is leaving the Board after 6 years. Belinda has worked tirelessly not only as Secretary but helping with a multitude of other projects the Board deals with. Her dedication to the Club has been a huge asset.

Going forward I know Jim Steffner will do a great job as President just as he and Sandi have done in the past on the Conventions. We have three good candidates running for Secretary and I know anyone of them will do a great job. I just ask all members to give the Board their full support. It is a much more time-consuming and thankless job than most people realize.

My sincere thanks!

Wayne Thompson
CC>CC President HLM-2733

Notice of Meeting

of

The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

A meeting of the members of The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc. will be held at South Point Hotel (Sonoma A meeting room), Las Vegas, state of Nevada, on June 27, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is as follows: Annual Business Meeting

Name of Secretary: Belinda Hixon

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Doug Smith
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

The information contained in this report reflects costs and expenditures for the period of 01/01/09 thru 03/31/09.

Highlights of the First Quarter of 2009 (01/01/09-03/31/09)

- Completed the 2009 "Audit" of the CC>CC Financials.
- Worked with the BOD and Sheldon Smith to open a CC>CC Paypal Account
- Worked with the BOD to open a CC>CC Credit Card Account
- Reviewed and discussed numerous potential cost savings and new revenue generating ideas with the BOD.
- Began to accept On-Line Payments once again for Convention Pre-registration.

Club Accounts

The current balances as of 03/31/09 in the CC>CC accounts are as follows:

Museum Fund Money Market	\$109,661.33
Life Membership Fund Money Market	\$57,961.39
General Fund Money Market	\$14,534.71
General Fund Business Checking	\$39,715.75
Total of all four accounts	\$221,873.18

The above totals do not reflect checks written in the amount of \$20,475 for payments that have not yet cleared and deposits in the amount of \$4,860 that were made after the 03/31/09 date. During the Mid Year meeting in March, the BOD reviewed and implemented numerous cost saving measures that will be outlined on the club web site along with several new revenue generating ideas shortly. The BOD continues to make this issue a top priority as it directly impacts the future financial stability of our club.

Something to consider when looking at this quarters financials is the large amount of revenue tied to convention expenses that have not yet been paid. This tends to over inflate the "Net Income" line as most of these new revenues will be reduced significantly once convention invoices are billed.

The Museum Fund

The total amount currently in the Museum fund as stated above is now \$109,661.33. During this past quarter \$1,718 in new donations were added as outlined below.

A summary of donations for the Museum Fund this past quarter is as follows:

Donations in memory of Janice O'Neal	\$1,116
Sales of Andy Hughes Museum Chip	\$200
Wayne Murphy's Chipboard Auctions	\$165
Richard Huber's Chipboard Auction	\$120
Misc. Other Donations	\$117

There were also several expenses this period associated with the Museum Fund totaling \$1,815 for costs associated with promotional merchandise. As always, I would like to thank everyone who has donated and supported this great project.

Online Renewals & Pre-registration

During this past quarter we have had a total of \$14,864 in transactions thru the website for payments on Membership and Convention Pre-registration activities for the 2009 Convention. Currently available thru the club website are options to pay for Memberships, Convention Pre-Registration, Banquet, Poker and Blackjack Tournaments.

Period Revenue (Thru 03/31/09)

The following monies were collected during the period of 01/01/09 thru 03/31/09.

Dealer Table Fees (2009)	\$21,660
Membership Renewal	\$10,317
Poker & Blackjack Tournament Fees	\$3,150
Banquet Fees	\$2,565
Pre-Registration Fees	\$1,900
Museum Fund Donations	\$1,718
Magazine Advertising	\$650
Convention Program Advertising	\$390
Promotion Sales	\$268

Interest Income	\$225
Misc Donations from Chipboard Auctions	\$70
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$50
Total Period Revenue	\$42,963

Period Expenses (Thru 03/31/09)

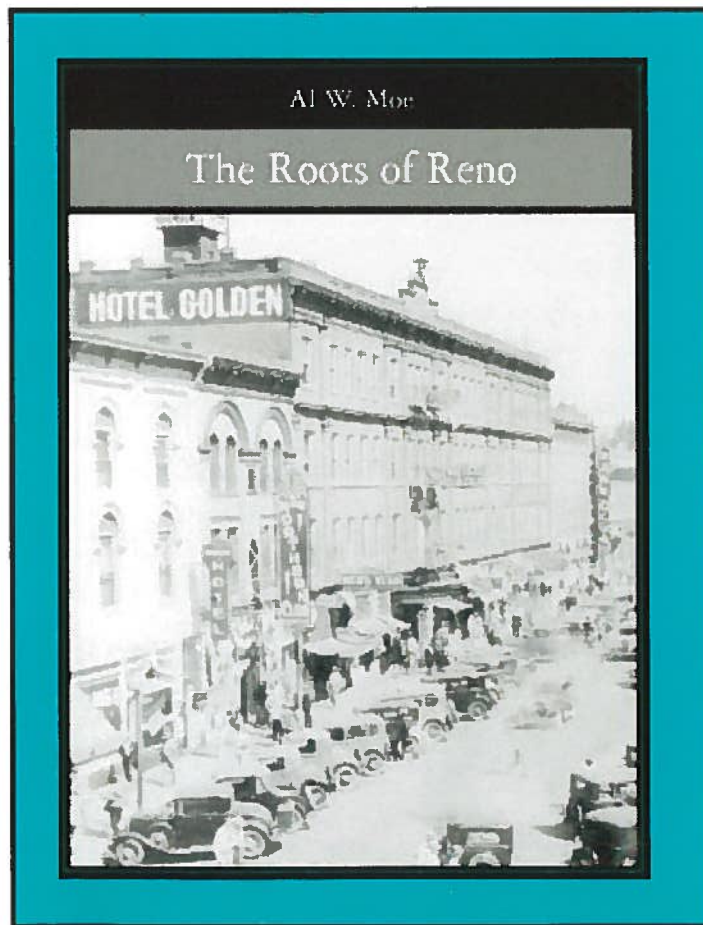
The following expenses were paid during the period of 01/01/09 thru 03/31/09.

CCTN Postage	\$2,090
Museum Fund Mugs	\$1,000
Storage Fees	\$852
Museum Fund Tote bags	\$814
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$619
Membership Postage	\$470
Filing Fees for State Transfer Agent	\$150
New Member Recruitment Chips	\$98
Library Postage	\$31
Telephone Charges	\$18
Total Period Expenses	\$6,142

Period Account Balance Reconciliation (Thru 03/31/09)

Total balance in all accounts as of 01/01/09	\$185,051
Revenue for the Period thru 03/31/09	\$42,963
Expenses for the Period thru 03/31/09	(\$6,142)
Balance of all accounts as of 03/31/09	\$221,872

Thank you again to all that helped support the club and the Convention and I look forward to seeing everyone in June at the South Point



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Income & Expense/Equity Statement (Cash Basis)
January 1 Thru March 31, 2009

INCOME

Membership Dues (Includes 1st class postage & Life Memberships)	\$	10,317
Convention 2009:		
Table Fees	\$	21,660
Registration	\$	1,900
Auction Proceeds	\$	-
Banquet	\$	2,565
Program Advertising	\$	390
Poker & Blackjack Tournaments	\$	3,150
Convention 2009 Total:	\$	29,665
Museum Fund Donations	\$	1,718
Magazine Advertising	\$	650
Promotion Sales	\$	268
Interest Income	\$	225
Misc	\$	70
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$	50
Total Income :	\$	<u>42,963</u>

EXPENDITURES

Magazine	\$	2,090
Museum Fund Expenses / Promotional Items	\$	1,815
Storage (Occupancy)	\$	852
Bank Charges / Credit Card Processing	\$	619
Postage (Other than Magazine)	\$	501
Filing Fees	\$	150
Miscellaneous	\$	98
Telephone	\$	18
Convention 2009 (Includes Auction Catalog Sales)	\$	-
Museum Committee Workshops & Meetings	\$	-
Promotion	\$	-
Meetings	\$	-
Printing	\$	-
Video Production (Convention/Seminars)	\$	-
Supplies	\$	-
Insurance	\$	-
Website	\$	-
Advertising	\$	-
Total Expenditures :	\$	<u>6,142</u>

Net Income - 01/01/09 to 03/31/09

\$ 36,821

Beginning Equity Balance - 01/01/09

\$ 208,041

Net Income - 01/01/09 to 03/31/09

\$ 36,821

Change In Inventory - 01/01/09 to 03/31/09

\$ -

Ending Equity Balance - 03/31/09

\$ 244,862

Detail of Equity Balance - 03/31/09

General Fund - Checking	\$	39,716
General Fund - Money Market	\$	14,535
Museum Fund (Formally Building Fund)	\$	109,661
Life Membership Fund	\$	<u>57,961</u>

Total Cash Available

\$ 221,872

Inventory

\$ 22,790

Advance (Membership Officer / Promotions)

\$ 200

Ending Equity Balance - 03/31/09

\$ 244,862

Respectfully Submitted, Douglas P. Smith - Treasurer
April 13, 2009

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Belinda Hixon
Secretary

Secretary's Report

Greetings!

It's been a busy couple of months since the last magazine issue. With all of us preparing for the Convention and Business meeting (and a new slate of officers) we're spending even more time working for the Club.

The BoD's semi-annual meeting was held March 20th-21st. During that time, the Club's annual audit was also performed. A brief summary of the meeting is included elsewhere in this issue.

The primary focus of the meeting was financial. The BoD is looking into more ways to raise funds to support member benefits, the major one being the Club's magazine. With the decline in advertising, the magazine doesn't come close to paying for itself. In the "old days" it did because members advertised. Some of the possible changes are making it smaller – meaning there will be fewer pages for those educational articles that we all love, cutting the number of issues – an unpopular idea among the BoD and members, or simply reducing the quality of what has become an award winning publication. The BoD will make the necessary decisions in the near future.

We also discussed ways to make the Convention more self-sustaining. Most of the changes this year will be less noticeable than others; signage, catering and the like.

We are close to having our "not-for-profit" mailing status. That should save the Club money in all of the mailings we do. Thanks to Todd Barrett for taking the bull by the horns and getting it done.

I owe a group of 15 year members an apology for leaving your numbers out of the magazine and not sending pins. I'm currently out of 15 year pins but will be sending them out along with those for the latest group as soon as I have them. 10 and 20 year pins will be mailed out before the convention.

This is my last report as Secretary of the CC>CC. I want to take the opportunity to thank several people who have given their support over the past six years. In addition to members of both BoDs, who have my deepest respect:

Allan Anderson
Todd Barrett
John Kallman
Michael Knapp
Jim Steffner

These gentlemen have always responded to calls for help, whether for information or for getting projects done and done quickly. Thank you, guys! You are hereby granted a reprieve from my "Help?" emails and phone calls.

It has been an honor to serve as Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Belinda Hixon

**Congratulations to the following members
for attaining 10 years of membership in the CC>CC!**

Bob Kolton R-4086
Robert O'Neill R-4095
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Gary Wetmore R-4119
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Gabe Dobos LM-4143-180
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Barry Hauptman LM-4196-49
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Tom Ketchum R-4203
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for attaining 15 years of membership in the CC>CC!**

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James Cassidy R-1221
Gary Fitzgerald R-1230
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Diane Uihlein R-1236

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Alex Cilento LM-1243-93
Ed Melanson R-1244
Melvin Patrick R-1439
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Mike Auterson R-1457
Don Lueders R-1461
Jim Roehr R-1465
John Graf R-1483
Jeb Blias R-1490
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Jim Steffner HLM-1508
Eric Pepper LM-1523-37
Rich Klabacha R-1529
Louis VanBelkum R-1531
John Johannes LM-1552-15
Roger Morgan R-1555
Lonny Schofield R-1583
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Armin Pfaender LM-0138-25

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Gerald Lucas R-0164

Alvin Beatty R-0167

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James Campiglia LM-0207-113

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Donald Durnin LM-0219-181

Charles Sandes R-0222

Gerald Ayers LM-0226-92

Joe Joslin R-0227

George Hansen R-0228

Mark Freitag R-0236

John Cunningham R-0238

William Lonergan R-0244

Jim Sarra LM-0259-59

Bill Holman R-0261

Don Totoian R-0264

David Willis R-0273

Joel Reznick R-0274

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Summary of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

The Board of Directors met on March 21 -21, 2009 at the Embassy Suites, Las Vegas, Nevada for the semi-annual meeting. Present were:

Wayne Thompson – President

Jay Sands – Vice President

Doug Smith – Treasurer

Belinda Hixon – Secretary

Steve Bedo – Membership Officer

Also present was Eric Rosenblum – Club Legal Counsel

Name	Report
Doug Smith	Treasurer

Financials as of 12/31/08 are on the website and included in the last issue of the magazine.

Treasurer Smith will begin to separate the MOGH expenses from the Club expenses.

Discussion:

- Need to increase the General Fund.
- Need to find ways to cut magazine expenses. Possible reduction of issues tabled until June.

The week before the meeting, Secretary Hixon provided each BoD member with reports as provided by the Committee Chairmen/Directors.

Advertising

Obtaining new advertisers continues to be a problem. The one free ad coupons that are provided to each renewing member are not being used. Suggestion that the size of the magazine be cut down to 5-1/2" x 8-1/2".

Discussion:

- Coupons are no longer being sent out. The program will be discontinued.
- New advertising rate cards will be produced to show 3 levels of advertising Member/Non-member/Casino.

Auction

The 2009 Auction will include 200 lots – up from 150 lots in 2008.

A silent auction will be held during the first two days of the convention.

20 out of the 200 lots will be in the silent auction with 180 being bid on at the live auction.

Lots will be subject to minimum bids of \$50.

Convention

82 tables have been sold.

Tournament chips have been designed. We're waiting on approval from South Point before having them produced.

Signage and catering have been cut back to continue cost savings.

No count on pre-registrations.

Convention flyer is currently being placed around Las Vegas

There will probably not be a live chip this year.

Corporate Advertising

Some casinos have been contacted about “future” advertising in the Club magazine.

Press kit needs to be completed and prepared for mailing as well as being in electronic form.

Claims

Three claims were filed in the last six months. The Director’s recommendations regarding the complaints were accepted and the claims will be closed.

Education

There will be four seminars during the convention. There will be an incentive for attending the seminars.

Hall of Fame

Process is underway.

Library

Donations to the library are down since the 2008 convention. Requests are also down.

Discussion:

- A list of the items available from the library will be placed on the Club website and will be printed once a year in the Club magazine.

Magazine

Not-for-profit mailing process is almost complete. That status should reduce the costs of mailing the magazine.

Need more help proofreading stories. Bob Orme is helping but the job is larger than one person.

Working closely with the Advertising Manager.

Membership

Requests for help with the committee are not getting responses.

No knowledge of success of the “Thanks for Attending the 08 Convention” mailing.

Flyers for the 2009 convention will be mailed to attendees from the 2009 convention.

OTY

Process started January 1, 2009 and an unofficial viewing site was opened.

Underway now and on track for the Convention.

Discussion:

- OTYs will be presented on Thursday, June 25th instead of being presented at the Banquet. Purpose is to expose casino executives to the excitement of the bourse floor.

Property/Promotions

Merchandise mailing fund has reduced the number of reimbursements that need to be made to the Director.

Sales at the 2008 Convention totaled \$5777, which was about \$2500 less than in 2007. Decrease likely due to fewer buyer and no new promotional items. Expectation that sales will be low again in 2009.

Suggestion to buy a limited number of convention t-shirts and fewer Club medals. Arrangements have been made with the supplier to take back non-sold silver medals in the same number that we purchase in order to break even on the cost of the silver medals.

Publicity

List of email contacts continues to grow for the placement of newsworthy items and convention information.

Several articles about chipping have mentioned the Club.

Convention information has been placed in several antique and collecting journals. Other placements include: Las Vegas Magazine, Nevada Magazine. Antiques and Arts Weekly will be provided the full range of information about the 2009 Convention. Bios and photos of seminar speakers will be sent out in Press Releases.

Request from *San Diego's Suburban News* about teenage collectors.

Standards and Archives

The committee continues their work concerning the issue of altered, repaired, counterfeit and modified chips. Investigation into possible ways to mark chips is underway.

Museum of Gaming History

Website is up and running with the help of many club members who have donated pictures, postcards, chips and other items that are used in the "This Week in History" section. Several other website projects are also being worked on and will be up shortly.

Currently working with Sandra Harris designing the major component of the Capital Campaign. The campaign will not be delayed due to the economy.

Website

Changes include a redesigned home page and permanent links created.

Waiting for Board input on further changes.

Discussion:

- Changes that the BoD want to see were listed and forwarded to the Webmaster. They include a member's only section and a better shopping cart.

FREE CHIP LIST

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Steve Bedo
Membership Officer

Membership Officer's Report

In the words of one of my favorite chippers "WOOOOOOOOOOOOO HOOOOOOOOOOOO!!". This year's convention is right around the corner and I am EXCITED about it. This year's location -- the South Point Hotel, Spa & Casino -- is a fantastic setting to hold the "gemstone" of our hobby -- the CC>CC's Annual Convention. Great restaurants, spacious new rooms, bowling alley, movie theaters and a nice new convention area...I can't wait!!

Inside this issue, you will find (hopefully) a coupon page. If you are attending the convention, PLEASE USE THESE COUPONS!! Some of them may only be good during the convention (like the Palms Free Slot Play), so take advantage of them. Using them is very important as it makes it easier to ask these coupon participants to do it again next year. This is something that your club has done to try & add a little more value to being a member. And thanks to Todd Barrett for his time & designs and to "Captain Mysterio" for your help J !!

Since our last report we have added forty-two new regular members to the Club's membership (see the list on the

next page) -- some are actually new and some are returning members. In either case, we welcome you (or welcome you back) to the biggest & best club in our hobby!! In this issue in the "Secretary's Report" there are names of those members that have been with the CC>CC for 10, 15 & 20 years -- thanks & congratulations to all of you!! We've added two new Life Members to the ranks and as a fellow Life Member -- WELCOME to the LM's!! Now for the numbers: current membership is 1822 members -- 1337 regular "R" members, 252 Associate members and 233 Life & Honorary Members. This is being written as of April 4th and we'll have some late renewals, so those numbers will go up a little.

A couple of suggestion to everyone...renew early & renew on-line if possible. This saves you & the CC>CC some time & money. With every early renewal, we don't need to print or send out renewal cards and if you renew on-line, it saves your postage, envelope & time!! If you have a current e-mail address, please forward it to me at Membership@CCGTCC.com . We're trying to send out renewal notices via e-mail to save a little more time & money and I need your correct e-mail address to make this work. And try to sign-up a new member... and many thanks to those members, especially Archie, that have signed up new members these past few months. Please spread the word about this great organization & let's all work to help it grow.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please forward them to me at membership@ccgtcc.com. It's the same one that you're gonna use to e-mail me with YOUR e-mail address...RIGHT??? If you're at the convention, please stop by the Membership Table & say hi.

Sincerely,
Steve B

(If you are a new member & you don't see your name listed below, it's because you chose the "Do Not Publish" option).

See you at
"SPLASHBAR V" 2009

Brian "Mr. Splashbar" Cashman
LM-1121-157MA CCCC-06

New Members

Member #	Last Name	First Name	State	City	Reference
7982	Villanueva	Andres	CA	San Gabriel	Club Website
7983	Rosenthal	Richard	MO	St. Joseph	Club Website
7984	Wade	Matthew	OH	Newark	Membership Committee
7985	Kelley	Steven	AZ	Fort Smith	Rodney Anderson
7986	Fortin	William E.	MA	Gardner	Archie Black
7987	Manseau	Ron	MI	Detroit	Club Website
7988	Otero	Alex	Spain	Madrid	Debra Meister
7989	Smith	Gary	IL	North Aurora	Robert Becvar
7990	Simmen	Theodore	CA	Magalia	Club Website
7991	Gold	Brett	NY	New York	Club Website
7992	Merritt	Daniel	VV	Las Vegas	Club Website
7993	Hair	Keith	TX	Eules	Archie Black
7994	Apaez	Ruben	TX	San Antonio	Archie Black
7995	Corlett	Scott	AZ	Mesa	Andy Hughes
7996	Dewitt	Dennis	CA	San Diego	Club Website
7998	Bradley	Cheryl	NM	Ruidoso Downs	Jim Munding
7999	D'Amours	Roger	Canada	Montreal	Club Website
8001	Faber	Jess	CA	Granada Hills	Former Member
8002	Gulledge	Joel	AL	Southside	Club Website
8003	McMartin	Jason	MI	Grant	Former Member
8004	Moreno	Robert	CT	Waterbury	Club Website
8005	Bridges	Clifton	OR	Gleneden Beach	Archie Black
8006	Robinson	Lawrence	NY	Naigara Falls	Greg Cagle
8007	Jensen	Brent	UT	Salt Lake City	Former Member
8008	Weggen	Jeff	IA	Muscatine	Archie Black
8009	Deemer	Denny	TX	Bowie	Archie Black
8010	Eckert	Scott	CA	Victorville	Club Website
8011	Petek	Joseph	CA	Napa	Steve Passalacqua
8012	Anderson	Don	WA	SeaTac	Greg Susong
8013	Valot	Philip M.	NY	East Patchogue	Former Member
8014	Wicks	Daniel	NC	Wake Forest	Rizzo, Pete
8015	Reboux	Raphael	France	Herblay	Club Website
8016	Walton	Thomas	CA	Palmdale	Club Website
8017	Wotring	John	FL	Sanford	Mark Lighterman
8018	De Lengyel	Joseph	NJ	Monroe Township	Archie Black
8019	Watkins	Terry	FL	Tampa	Club Website
8020	Harris	Ronald	MO	Rolla	Club Website
8021	Bresloff	Sean	CO	Highlands Ranch	Club Website
8022	Shmookler	David	PA	Allentown	Club Website
8023	Stoldal	Robert	NV	Las Vegas	Club Website
8024	Bianco	Charles	KY	Louisville	Sheldon Smith

17TH ANNUAL CC>CC CONVENTION 2009

Jim Steffner
Convention Chairman

Michael Gaughan's
SOUTH POINT



It's right around the corner, saddle up Ol' Paint, hitch up the buckboard, get the Misses and head to Las Vegas for our "western" round-up. CC>CC is holding it's 17th Annual Convention at the South Point Hotel and Casino June 24th thru the 27th.

The beautiful South Point Hotel awaits. The rooms are top notch, 12 great restaurants, a new "Splashbar", 64 bowling lanes, 16 screen movie theater, 600 seat Bingo parlor, with plenty to do right on the property. For those who don't want to spend all our waking hours in a casino or on our convention floor, we are close by outlet malls and antique malls. When packing, think "western". We have a lot of surprises in store and you won't want to miss a minute of all the activities.

The show floor is big, beautiful and easy to access. Several new dealers have joined us this year and of course all your old favorites will be there too.

Be sure to check the show schedule, and a layout of the South Point casino and meeting areas at the end of this article. It's never too early to start planning who and what you want to see. Remember, trips to town only come once a year for most. Now is the time to stock up on supplies.

HELP WANTED

Part time positions are open for members who wish to volunteer a few hours during the show. If you wish to volunteer for registration, promotions table, auction table, membership table, or show setup and teardown, please e-mail Bob Bickford, Volunteer Coordinator at oldbera@wowway.com

PRE-REGISTRATION

For all of you who have pre-registered, just step up to the registration counter outside the show floor to pick up your packet on Wednesday June 25, between 9am and 4pm ONLY, and during regular registration desk hours on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. There will be four lines

separated alphabetically to make the process smooth and fast. Your pre-registration envelope will contain your show badge, banquet tickets (if ordered), poker and blackjack confirmations (if participating), and any special coupons, freebies, or give-a-ways that we can round up.

Pick up a copy of the convention program at the registration desk. The program contains the show schedule, the listing of dealers along with their address and table specialties, and the show floor layout. You don't want to miss any dealers or events.

EARLY BIRD BANQUET AND TRADE SESSION

The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 25th starting at 5:30pm. Due to many requests for a theme like we had two years ago, as you may have already guessed, we are planning a western night at the banquet. Grab your filly, saddle up old Paint and dress in your "go in to town" western clothes. While this isn't a formal event, western or business casual will be appropriate. Dress as the town sheriff, Doc Holiday, blacksmith, storekeeper, Faro dealer, undertaker, saloon girl, chuck wagon cook, cowboy, cowgirl, cow, horse, anything western, but leave your guns at home, this here's a peaceful town. Please, no flip-flops, shorts, or tank tops. Several serving lines, fabulous chuck wagon food, and them fancy deserts will add to an event you won't want to miss.



Our guest speaker is Michael Gaughan, owner of the South Point. In 1965 Mr. Gaughan became an owner and ultimately the casino manager of the El Cortez Hotel. Later he opened the Royal Inn Casino. After selling the Royal Inn, Mr. Gaughan built the Las Vegas Barbary Coast Hotel, Gold Coast, Orleans, Suncoast,

South Coast and the Casino Queen Riverboat in St Louis. In 2004 he merged his company, Coast Casinos, with Boyd Gaming and became the third largest gaming company in

the United States. He should have some very interesting stories.

When the banquet ends about 8pm, the gigantic trade session begins. Bring what you can carry, allow space for others and remember NO direct selling of items. Have fun!

EXHIBITS - GRAND BALLROOM - A & B

This is one of the highlights of the convention and members look forward to seeing what other members collect. In the past, exhibits have included chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, dice, belt buckles, money clips, hotel history, security badges, t-shirt quilt, and much more. Enter your favorite collection such as the above or something new.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

There are four great seminars scheduled this year. Join your fellow ranchers on Thursday morning at 8am for "First Timers and Old Timers, I've Been Both" presented by Jim Kruse. Then at 2pm Ralph Pollack will talk about "The Dice of the Caribbean". Friday morning Peter Nathan will start off at 8am with "Multiple Facets of Valuing Any Chip", and to close out the seminar schedule Richard Greeno presents "The First Thirteen Casinos on the Strip".

Come Learn be Educated and Win! You won't want to miss any of these four seminars. Sheldon Smith our Education Director is planning a special drawing and you can only earn tickets by attending the complete seminar.

BRUCE LANDAU MEMORIAL AUCTION

The auction will be Friday evening June 27th and once again David Spragg is organizing the popular event. David has assembled some excellent lots for this year's auction that may include some lower and medium priced lots plus items other than chips. Be sure to order your auction catalog as they usually sell out by show time. Check the auction table during the show for some silent auction lots.

POKER CHALLENGE AND BLACKJACK TOURNAMENTS

Both the poker and blackjack sessions will be held at



the South Point. The action starts on Wednesday with the Blackjack Tournament at Noon. The Poker Challenge will be Thursday evening with a start time of 7:00pm. Players can sign up at the convention for the Poker Challenge and blackjack if seats are still

available, but they usually sell out well before. Cost this year will be \$90 for the poker tournament and \$70 for the BJ tournament.

A special set of tournament chips will be available for purchase starting on Friday morning when the show opens or by mail from the Promotion Director, Roy Nelson. For any questions, please e-mail Bob Pardue at, robert.pardue@cox.net

TRADE SESSIONS

Several trade sessions are planned during the convention. Check the schedule at the show or in your program book for times and locations. Bring some binders but leave space for others. Please, no outright sales of merchandise or you will be asked to leave the trade session.

LAST DANCE SWAP MEET

On Saturday, June 28th. the Last Dance Trade Session will be held. The event will begin at 7pm and last until the last two traders call it quits. This is not a “dance” with a band or music but just the last chance for members to get together after the convention closes to find that elusive chip, token, or slotcard. Check show schedule for location.

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Las Vegas Outlet Center at 7400 Las Vegas Blvd. South features 140 stores, a carousel, and a food court. The mall is open from 10am to 9pm Monday thru Saturday and to 6pm on Sunday. Just north of the South Point on the west side of the strip is one of the largest antique malls. Check out all the great things you had as a kid and didn’t keep, that now you wish you had.

*Hi Ho Silver -
Hey Cisco, Hey Poncho -
Happy Trails!*



CONVENTION SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY – June 24, 2009

9:00 AM	REGISTRATION OPENS – DEALERS AND MEMBERS
9:00 AM	GENERAL TRADE SESSION – NAPA A 9 AM to 4 PM – TRADE SESSION – NO SALES
9:00 AM	DEALER SET UP BEGINS – GRAND BALLROOM DEALER CREDENTIALS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY
12 NOON	7th, ANNUAL BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT – CASINO FLOOR
4:00 PM	GENERAL TRADE SESSION CLOSES PRE-REGISTRATION & BANQUET TICKET PICK-UP CLOSES
5:30 PM	EARLY BIRD BANQUET – SONOMA A&B TICKETED EVENT – ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM	MEMBER TRADE SESSION OPENS – NAPA A
11:00 PM	DEALER SETUP CLOSES. FLOOR MUST BE VACATED.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

THURSDAY – JUNE 25, 2009

7:00 AM	DEALER SETUP CONTINUES – GRAND BALLROOM DEALER CREDENTIALS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY
8:00 AM	EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR – SONOMA A “FIRST TIMERS & OLD TIMERS, I’VE BEEN BOTH” PRESENTED BY JIM KRUSE
9:00 AM	REGISTRATION OPENS
10:00 AM	OPENING CEREMONIES – 2009 SHOW BEGINS GRAND BALLROOM
2:00 PM	STANDARDS & ARCHIVES COMMITTEE MEETING – NAPA A
2:00 PM	EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR – SONOMA A “THE DICE OF THE CARIBBEAN” PRESENTED BY RALPH POLLACK
3:00 PM	CARIBBEAN CASINO COLLECTORS CLUB MEETING – SONOMA A
3:00 PM	VISION & FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE – NAPA A
4:00 PM	SILVER STRIKE FORUM – SONOMA A
4:30 PM	SHOW FLOOR ENTRANCE CLOSED – EXIT ONLY
5:00 PM	SHOW IN RECESS TILL 10:00 AM FRIDAY
6:00 PM	SILVER STRIKE MEETING – SONOMA A SHOW FLOOR SECURED
7:00 PM	11th ANNUAL POKER CHALLENGE – POKER ROOM
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	GENERAL TRADE SESSION – NAPA A

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY – JUNE 26, 2009

8:00 AM DEALERS WITH CREDENTIALS MAY ENTER SHOWROOM

8:00 AM EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR – SONOMA A
“MULTIPLE FACETS OF VALUING ANY CHIP”
PRESENTED BY PETER NATHAN

9:30 AM REGISTRATION OPENS

10:00 AM SHOW FLOOR OPENS TO MEMBERS – GRAND BALLROOM

11:00 AM FLORIDA CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB MEETING
NAPA A

12:00 NOON HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE MEETING – NAPA A

1:00 PM TITO COLLECTORS CLUB MEETING – NAPA A

3:00 PM EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR – SONOMA A
“THE FIRST 13 CASINOS ON THE STRIP”
PRESENTED BY RICHARD GREENO

3:30 PM SHOW FLOOR ENTRANCE CLOSED – EXIT ONLY

4:00 PM SHOW IN RECESS UNTIL 10:00 AM SATURDAY

4:30 PM SHOW FLOOR ENTRANCE CLOSED – EXIT ONLY

5:00 PM SHOW FLOOR SECURED

5:30 PM “BRUCE LANDAU MEMORIAL AUCTION” – SONOMA A

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM GENERAL TRADE SESSION – NAPA A

CONVENTION SCHEDULE
SATURDAY – JUNE 27, 2009

8:00 AM DEALERS WITH CREDENTIALS MAY ENTER SHOW FLOOR
9:30 AM REGISTRATION OPENS
10:00 AM SHOW FLOOR OPENS TO MEMBERS – GRAND BALLROOM
11:00 AM ANNUAL CC>CC BUSINESS MEETING – SONOMA A
3:30 PM SHOW ENTRANCE CLOSED – EXIT ONLY
4:00 PM 2007 SHOW CLOSSES – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR
6:00 PM ALL DEALERS MUST VACATE SHOW FLOOR
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM “LAST DANCE” TRADE SESSION – NAPA A

*** TIMES & LOCATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK SCHEDULE AT CONVENTION.

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CC>CC 2009 Blackjack Tournament • South Point Hotel Casino

Wednesday June 24, 2009 12:00 noon

General Info

The 2009 CC>CC Blackjack Tournament will be held during the club's annual convention in Las Vegas. This is the 7th annual Blackjack Tournament the club has sponsored. Pre-registration for the Blackjack tournament is encouraged -- see club magazine or website for details. Walk-up entries and re-entries will be accepted on the day of the tournament as well, based on space available.

Tournament chips are NOT part of the tournament package this year, but commemorative chips will be available for sale separately. See the club table for details.

Time & Place

Wednesday afternoon, June 24, 2009 – 12:00 noon to approx. 5:00 pm at South Point Casino Resort – casino floor. See specific schedule below.

Entry info

Entry fee: \$70 per player. Open to current CC>CC members and associate members only. (Age 21+ of course.) Maximum 108 players, as explained below. Each player receives 3,000 in NCV tournament chips each round. Bet limits: 25 minimum / 3000 maximum.

Prize pool

\$45* per player goes to prize pool and \$25 to South Point for hosting the tournament.
* 3% of prize pool held for tournament staff.

Prizes

Final round players win the following portion of the net prize pool: 1st place - 40%, 2nd- 25%, 3rd - 15%, 4th - 10%, 5th - 7%, 6th - 3%.

BJ Tournament Format

Up to three preliminary rounds, followed by 1 semi-final round, followed by 1 final round. Players will be scheduled to play in one of the preliminary rounds (12:00 noon, 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm). If you do not advance to the semi-final round on your first try, re-entries into the 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm initial rounds will be accepted if space available, at \$70 per re-entry; the 2:00 pm round may be cancelled if warranted. Semi-final round begins immediately after the last preliminary round finishes and Final round begins immediately after the semi-final round finishes... so if you advance to the next round, remain available for the next round!! Each round starts promptly. Late players will be disqualified. No refunds for no-shows.

Preliminary rounds: 6 tables with 6 players at each table. Maximum 36 players start at 12:00 Noon. Same format for 1:00pm and 2:00pm. The FIRST and SECOND place players with the most chips from EACH table advance to the semi-final round. **Semi-final round:** 6 tables with 6 players each (assuming sell-out in initial rounds). The FIRST place player from each semi-final table advances to the final round. **Final round:** 1 table with 6 players. Final position based on order of elimination. For players with chips remaining at end of final round, the final order of finish will be determined by chip count.

Tournament play

Each round begins with each player receiving 3,000 in NCV chips. Betting limits: 25 to 3,000 anytime. Players make betting decisions in turn for each hand, with "chung" marker at first-base player for first hand. Chung moves clockwise each hand, so new player acts first each time. Open play for the first twenty (20) minutes, then five more additional hands will be played at each table before play ends. Maximum of 1 minute per player to make betting decision.

Blackjack Tournament will use 6-deck shoe, with cards dealt face up. Dealer must hit soft 17. Blackjack pays 2-to-1. Double down on any two initial cards. Split any pair, resplit to total of 4 hands. Resplit aces to total of 4 hands if additional ace(s) dealt immediately. Double down after split permitted. Surrender permitted.

Additional tournament rules

One player per hand -- No coaching from other players or spectators. Must leave table when no chips remain. All standard South Point 21 rules apply. If there is a tie between two contestants who may advance to the next round, one (1) card will be dealt in normal order to each contestant. High card dealt will determine who will advance to the next round. (Ace high, deuce low.) All disputes resolved by the South Point tournament representative whose decision is final. All decisions will be based on normal house rules. Any extenuating circumstance will be based on the fairness for all participants. And finally, absolutely NO harvesting tournament chips!

CC>CC 2009 Poker Tournament • South Point Hotel Casino Thursday June 25, 2009 at 7:00 pm

General Info

The 2009 CC>CC Poker Tournament will be held during the club's annual convention in Las Vegas. The tournament format will be no limit Hold'em again this year. This is the 11th annual Poker Tournament the club has sponsored. Pre-registration for the Poker tournament is encouraged -- see club magazine or website for details. Additional entries on the day of the tournament will be accepted on the convention floor, if space available. Wait-listed players will be seated in the tournament during the first hour, if seats become available.

Tournament chips are NOT part of the tournament package this year, but commemorative chips will be available for sale separately. See the club table for details.

Time & Place

Thursday evening, June 25, 2009, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Poker Room at South Point Hotel Casino. Depending on the number of players, the tournament may last 4 to 5 hours or so.

Entry info

Entry fee: \$90 per player. (No optional rebuys or add-ons.) Open to current CC>CC members and associate members only. (Age 21+ of course.) Maximum 165 players (15 tables with 11 seats per table). Each player receives 2,500 in NCV tournament chips for entry fee.

Prize pool

\$60 of each player entry goes into prize pool* and \$30 to South Point for hosting the tournament. *3% of prize pool held for tournament staff.

Prizes

Prize pool distribution: the final 12 players split the prize pool based on a declining percentage. Distribution: 38%, 18%, 12%, 9%, 6%, 4%, 3% for 1st through 7th places, and 2% each for 8th through 12th place.

Poker Tournament Format

NO-LIMIT Texas Hold'em. Start with 2,500 in tournament chips. No rebuys. Blinds start at 25-25. Limits increased every 15 minutes of play. Minimum bet and raise increments equal to big-blind unless all-in.

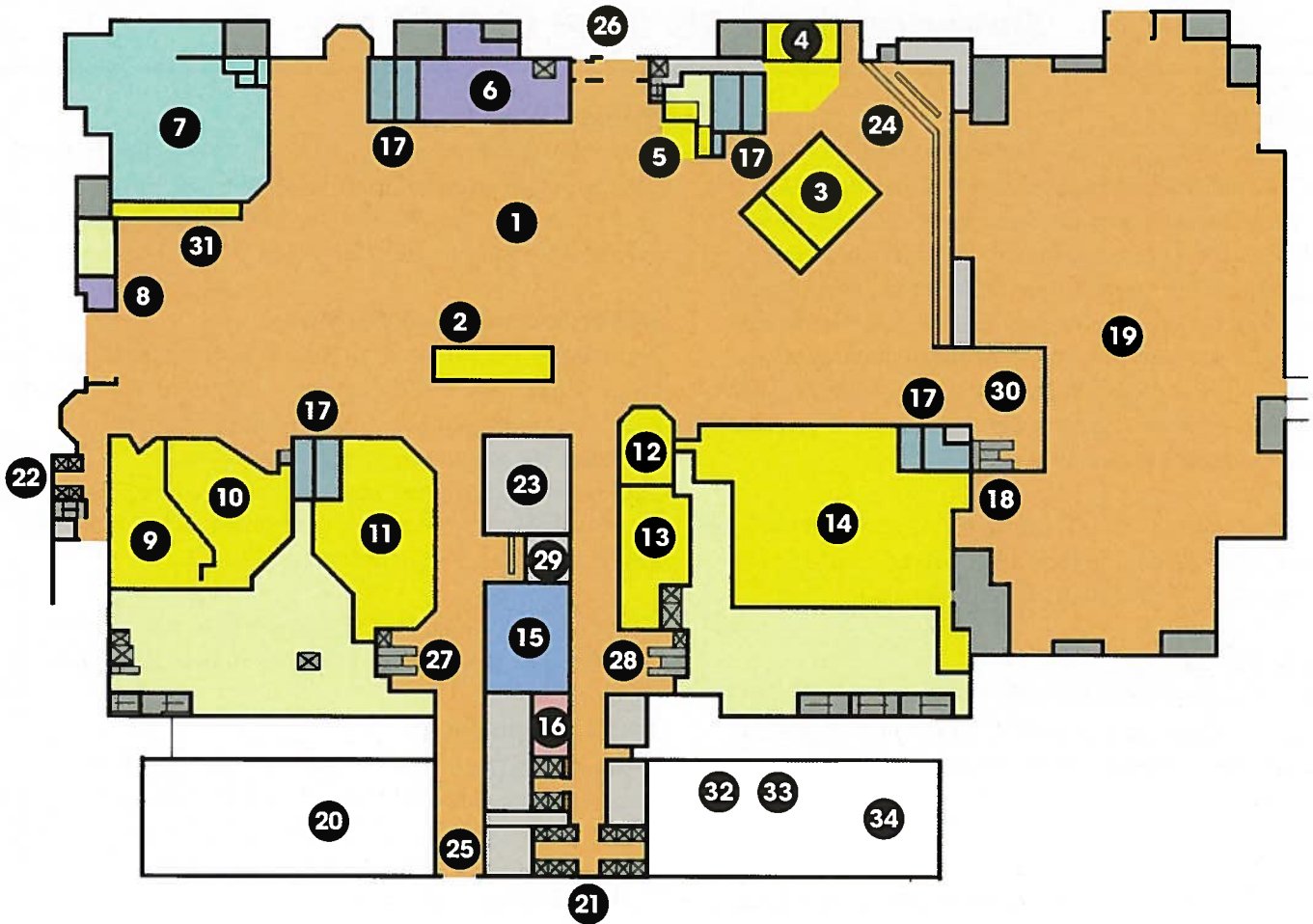
Tables & seats assigned randomly as registered. Tables will be consolidated periodically throughout the tournament. Finalists will be paid in the order of finish.

No refunds for no-shows. No-show chips will be blinded off, then picked up after 40 minutes of play if no player.

Tournament Play

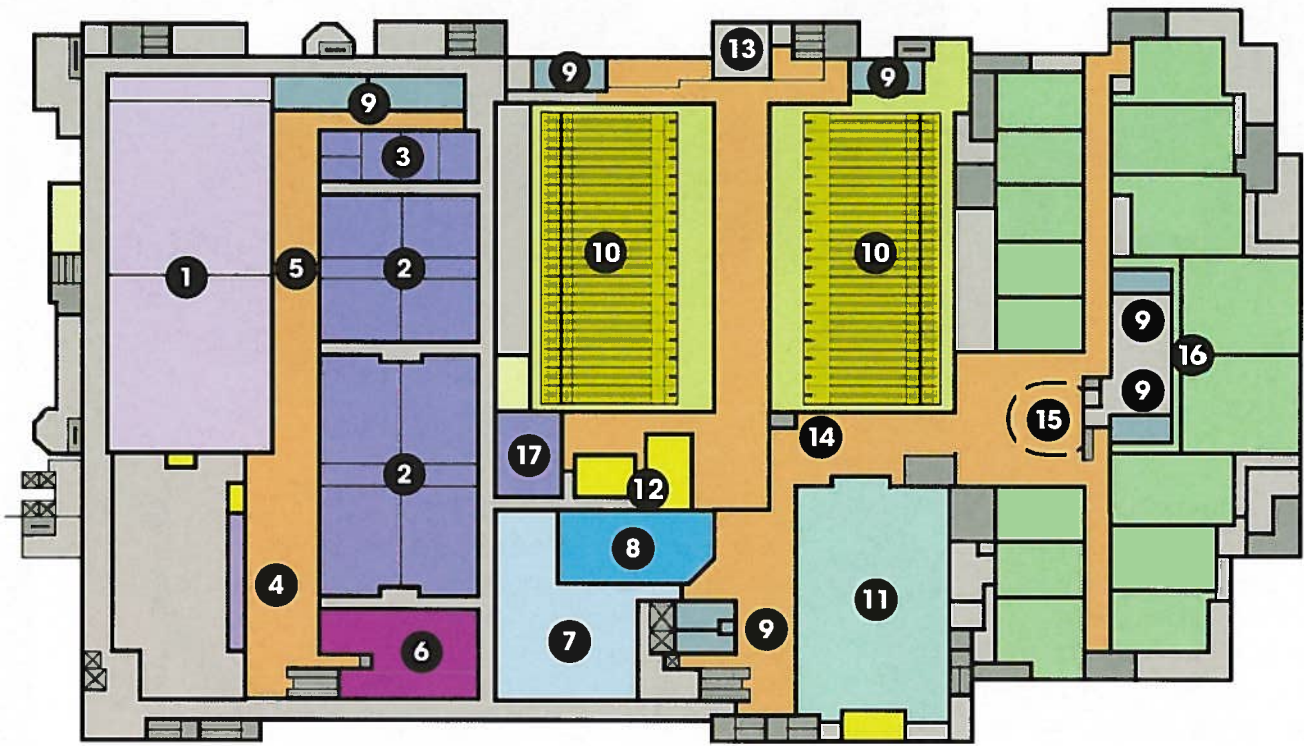
South Point Poker Room tournament rules for this type of tournament will apply. Seat assignments, table combinations, rulings on play, etc. according to Tournament Director whose decision is final. Also... Absolutely NO HARVESTING tournament chips.

First Floor



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| 1 - Casino | 20 - Offices |
| 2 - Catalina Island Bar | 21 - Elevators to Hotel |
| 3 - Del Mar Lounge | 22 - Elevators to Self-Parking |
| 4 - Del Mar Deli | 23 - Cashier |
| 5 - Seattle's Best and Kate's Korner | 24 - Race & Sports Book |
| 6 - Hotel Registration | 25 - Access to Arena & Exhibit Hall |
| 7 - Nightclub/Showroom | 26 - Porte Cochere |
| 8 - Showroom Box Office | 27 - Escalators to Conference Center |
| 9 - Silverado Steak House | 28 - Escalators to Bowling & Bingo |
| 10 - Don Vito's Italian | 29 - The Club |
| 11 - Coronado Cafe | 30 - Poker Room |
| 12 - Big Sur Oyster Bar | 31 - Showroom Bar |
| 13 - Michael's | 32 - Barber Shop |
| 14 - Garden Buffet | 33 - Seduction Salon |
| 15 - Gift Shop | 34 - Spa & Fitness Center |
| 16 - Casino Host Offices | |
| 17 - Restrooms | |
| 18 - Escalators to Century Theatres | |
| 19 - Future Expansion | |

Second Floor



- 1 - Grand Ballroom
- 2 - Napa & Sonoma Rooms
- 3 - Meeting Rooms
- 4 - Conference Registration
- 5 - Prefunction
- 6 - Sales and Catering
- 7 - Kids Tyme Child Care
- 8 - Arcade
- 9 - Restrooms

- 10 - Bowling
- 11 - Bingo
- 12 - Bar/Snack Bar
- 13 - Pro Shop
- 14 - Movie Box Office
- 15 - Concessions
- 16 - Century South Point 16
- 17 - Bowling Meeting Rooms

SOUTH POINT

PICTURE PUZZLES

By John K. Kallman
#LM 112-112

Not only are North Dakota Charity Casino chips a mixture of seemingly undecipherable combination of letters, and sometimes numbers, but also pictures as well. Picture puzzles are entertaining for people off all ages. Putting one together helps to pass the time on a damp and rainy day.

Given a bunch of chips that you know are from a certain location and time period is somewhat like trying to assemble a puzzle when you have neither the picture nor all of the pieces. Such is often the case when it comes to North Dakota Charity casino chips. Much more is known now than just a few odd years ago, but old and new discoveries are constantly being made. After a long hard winter, with not much new to report, I now have almost too much! But I would rather be in this situation than the reverse!

Some of the problems, as with any location are that early records were not always kept and with the passage of time, information is lost, confused, or just down right non-existent. Even today, the gaming control boards does *NOT* either review what is to be applied to the chips, nor do they keep records of chips in play. The records, that do exist, are also incomplete.

There are basically 3 listings available: A list of Charities authorized to conduct gaming activities (which does not always mean that chips were in play as they may have only had bingo, and/or pull tabs); a physical location listing of where organization are conducting operations; and a listing of organization that are currently barred from conducting operations.

Thus given the below chip, which was acquired several years ago, from one of three locations, it defied placement. Logically speaking, it could either be an Elks or Eagles lodge, but there is no Eagles or Elks



Lodge #6 in North Dakota! The picture did not come into focus until two other chips surfaced.



Now the EL6 chips fits as belonging to the Eagles Lodge 2376! Location is Minot, North Dakota.

Even when you do have all the documentation, this sometimes is also insufficient to place a chip to an operation. Sometimes, additional research is needed, such as visiting the casino, playing a few hands, talking to the dealers and pit bosses. Checking with fellow chippers who also have the same interest as you do is also helpful. As with any other venture in life one should not always believe the first

story told, as often there is a hook at the end of the line. But when several different chippers, tell you the same tell, then perhaps a bit of the story can be believed.



A prime example, is the “two-for” chip. An eagle

on one side and a maple leaf on the other side. An earlier report of a \$1.00 eagle chip in play at the Blue Line Club, Grand Forks North Dakota, along with the maple leaf on the other side, and the knowledge that Grand Forks was one of 3 locations that the person who acquired the chip had harvested from made this identification rather easy. While the maple leaf makes some sense, the reason for the eagle remains unknown,

other than perhaps chips were needed, these were available, and the price was right.

This is not the only “off topic” chip to have been used by this charity. In addition to the more “normal” chips inscribed B.L.C. (for Blue Line Club) and chips that actually say Blue Line Club on them; they have also used chips with the letter “M” on them, a Horse Head, and ones with the other end of the horse as well!

The final puzzle piece for this article concerns a “boxing chip”:

With a boxing glove pictured, there is little doubt that the “BC” here stands for Boxing Club. But what of the “W” shown on the chip? Thankfully the number of towns in



North Dakota that start with “W” are few indeed. One rule of thumb that usually serves collectors well is that if you acquire something from casinos, the chances are good of it being from where you acquired it from is where the chip is from.

This is normally true for North Dakota as well. Like Ivory soap, while this rule of thumb is good 99.44% of the time, it is that small percentage (0.66%) when it is not true that will throw you for a loop. Charities from larger cities knowing that you sometimes need to take the product to the customer when the customer will not come to you will conduct games in smaller cities. And charities in smaller cities knowing that to make money, you may need to change locations, often set up in larger cities.

For example, the Plains Art Museum, based in Fargo, is not only dealing cards at two separate locations in Fargo, but also in Grand Forks, some 60 miles north. Thus, while the above chip was taken from the gaming tables in Minot, the charity itself is Williston.

• **Cuban Chips Wanted** •
Send scan and asking price
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Eric S. Rosenblum



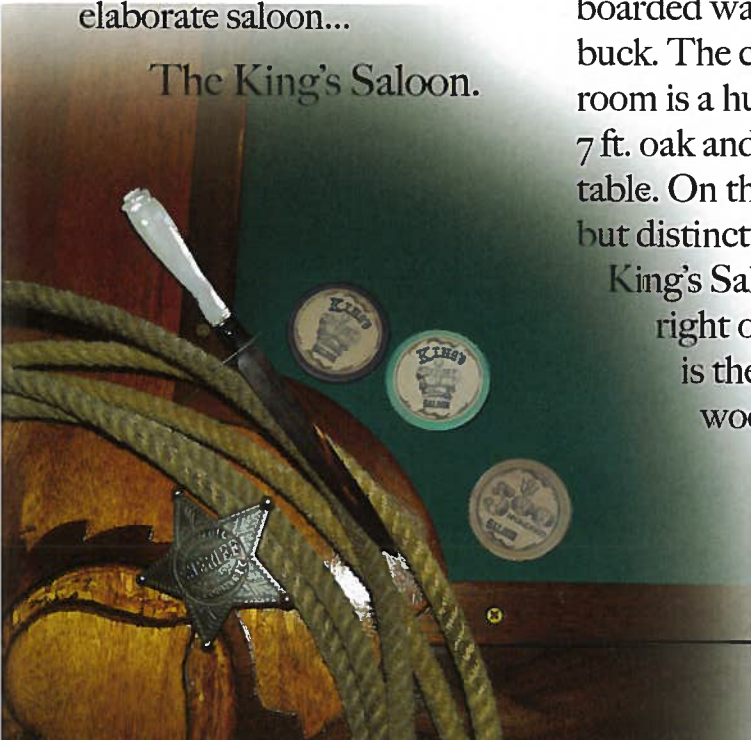
In keeping with the 17th Annual CC>CC Convention theme I am writing this article about a Saloon Town. I discovered this small town back in 2004. This town sits in the southern most part of Shively, south of Louisville. This town is Kingstown.

This town is tucked deep into the Sky Blue area of Dixie Highway. As in most old western towns, this one has a gambling establishment. It isn't very large but well equipped for gambling. It is one very elaborate saloon...

The King's Saloon.

Step up on the old one step front porch. This porch runs the length of the building. Look through the King's window to reveal one of Kentucky's finest gaming rooms. The minute you walk through the swinging doors of this establishment you realize that you have just stepped back into time. The first thing you see to your left is the piano player sitting at his piano. Above him on the rustic boarded wall hangs a 12 point buck. The centerpiece to this room is a huge, hand carved 7 ft. oak and walnut poker table. On the felt is the faded, but distinct design of the King's Saloon logo. To the right of the gaming table is the 12 ft. ornate wood bar.

The bar is fully stocked. There is a display case designed into the top of the bar showing gambling artifacts. The back of the bar is decorated with carvings and wood veneer surrounding the three arched, inset mirrors. Suspended from two massive wooden pulleys sways a beautifully designed stain glass work of art. To the right of the back bar stands a bright shiny gold cash register to ring up all of those drinks needed to wash down that dusty, old trail.





On the back wall stands a very old wood burning stove with a stone and wooden mantle. This keeps the saloon toasty during the frigid Kentucky winters. Throughout this gambling establishment you will enjoy many western and gambling cultural relics. The owner of this establishment is an avid gambler from Kentucky, who prides himself in his gambling prowess.



I am that owner,... The King, Kevin Norris - R358.

At this time I want to welcome all of you, my many compatriots in the gambling collectors world to come visit Kentucky and the King's Saloon. I have been busy at this project for many years and am very proud to display my gambling/western artifacts and collection in this rustic 110 year old wooden re-configured barn.



THE KING'S SALOON

DO YOU FEEL LUCKY??



Dice of the Caribbean

part 1

By Ralph P. Pollack #LM 749-13

The casino dice of the Caribbean has of today not been written about. The great hobby of dice collecting has been a passion of mine due to the history of the casinos and the logos that are so beautifully designed.



There are common and rare varieties within the same casino and other casinos. The reasons for this are multiple:

1. Different manufacturers such as Paul-son, B.C. Wills, the Bud Jones Co., Midwest Gaming Supply, H.C. Evans & Co., Taylor & Co., Ewing Manufacturing Co., Joe Treybal Sporting Goods Co., ACE Sport Works, Rigdon, H.C. Edwards, H.C. Evans & Co. and Marion & Co., etc.
2. Different ownerships of the casino
3. Forgeries or counterfeits
4. Change of logo design

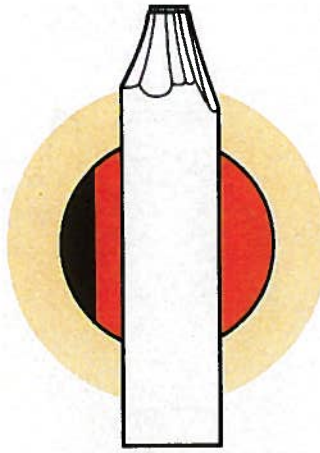
According to the 1935 catalog, the H.C. Evans & Co. of Chicago, IL, "Evans Perfect Dice" were made of celluloid in all colors. Joe Treybal Sporting Goods Co.'s 1939 catalog from St. Louis, MO. Offered most types and also a 'cross eye spot' design on their dice. The Taylor & Co. of Chicago on June 1, 1949 had 'flush spot', 'concave spot', 'bird eye spot', 'double ring eye spot' and 'special bird eye spot'. The early dice of the Caribbean usually had the 'double bird eye spot', while the newest ones had 'flush spot' design. The years in between the 1950's and 1970's had the 'concave spot' and the 'double ring spot'.

In order to make the logos on the dice, dice dies must be made. According to Pete Lowell, his 'die classification' the dies are either made of steel or brass. They can be of one piece machined metal or two pieces that are welded together.

Due the hundreds of casinos in the Caribbean and the series of dice associated with them, this article will highlight only some of them due to space limitations. I will use as a guide the only depicting book for some of the Caribbean dice dies in Pete Lowell's "Black Clay Dice Die Catalog" published in 2005. Some of his Caribbean dice dies will be described and associated with some of the similar logos as the casino chips and or slot tokens.

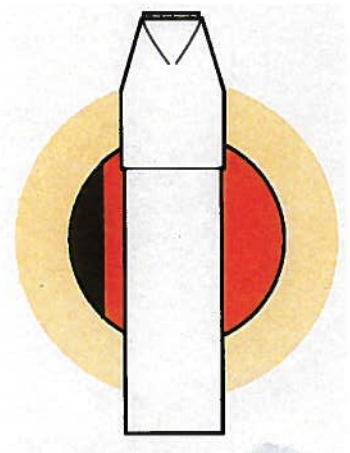
Since written records are not readily available, this article will use circumstantial documents that will aid in dating the dice dies and therefore the dice themselves.

The imprints shown in this article depict parts of pages from Pete Lowell's catalog and shows the different types of dies. Some dies were made of steel while others were of brass. The neck diameters are all the same so they could fit into a 'chuck-like' device that would heat up the dies to make the incused imprint on the dice and also impregnate the different colors seen on some of the dice.



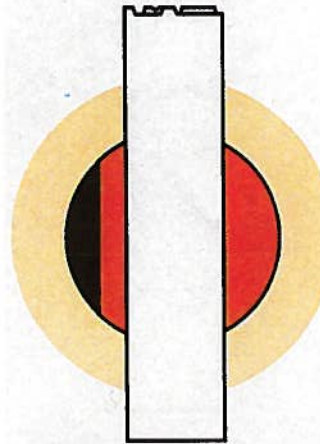
Steel - One Piece
Ace Sport Works, NY, NY

Single piece of hand-tooled, engraved steel.



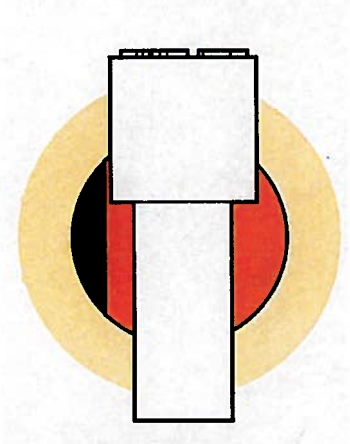
Steel - Two Piece
Ace Sport Works, NY, NY

Hand-tooled, engraved steel die attached to a steel shaft



Steel - One Piece
Ace Sport Works, NY, NY

Solid steel rod that appears to be the first die to be machined



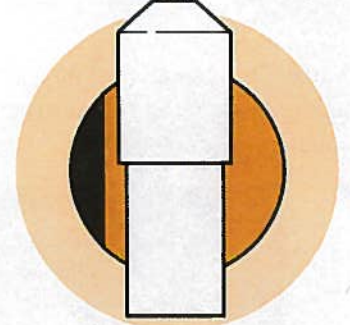
Steel - Two Piece
Ace Sport Works, NY, NY

Round steel die attached to a steel shaft



Brass - Cylinder
Rigdon, Cincinnati, OH

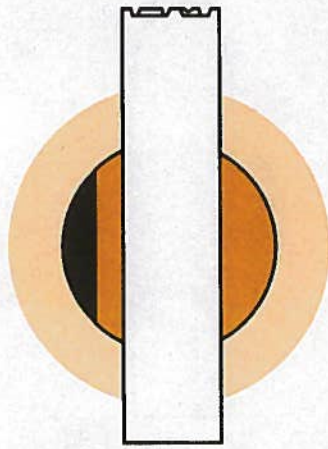
Solid brass die with a distinctive "bullet" profile.



Brass - Two Piece
Rigdon, Cincinnati, OH

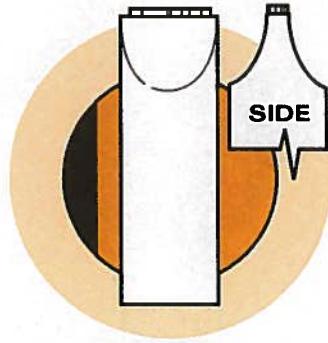
Two piece die with a distinctive "bullet" top.

ARUBA CARIBBEAN CASINO



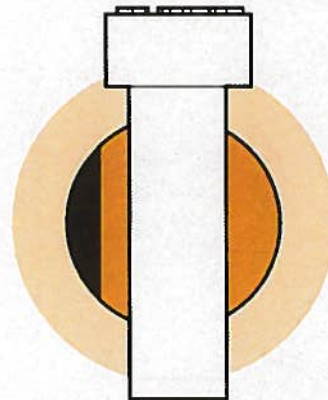
Brass - Cylinder

Can be found as a solid, single rod or in a two piece, screw-on configuration



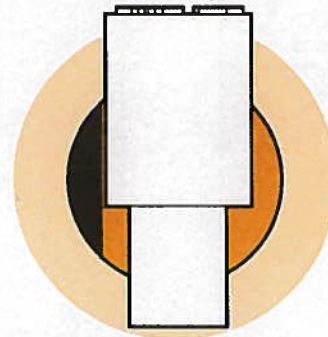
Brass - Cylinder

Solid brass rod, fluted on opposite sides



Brass - Two Piece Round

The die is usually circular, but can be found as an oval, rectangle and square. The thickness of die can also vary widely



Brass - Two Piece Rectangle

Oversized rectangular or square die attached to a brass shaft

Since all logos are not the same size, each individual die had to be differently constructed. Most were round, some square and some oblong.



The Aruba Caribbean Casino was opened by Jake Kozloff on July 18, 1959 and one of the original orders was the generic "Aruba" dice. Later, Jake had his and Clifford Jones' logo CJ / JK placed on some of their dice. The set of dice below was made by the Ewing Mfg. Co. There are other dice that just have Aruba Caribbean on them and I suspect that they date after Jake had left. Since the Aruba Caribbean Hotel & Casino was the first and only casino on



the Island of Aruba for eleven years many sets of various dice were used especially since several different owners ran the casino after Jake had left. In

fact, the same name of the Aruba Caribbean Casino was kept into the early 1980's when the Bud Jones Co. made Metal inlay and plastic center inlays casino chips. In my collection, six different designs were noted.

ARUBA PALM BEACH CASINO



The Aruba Palm Beach Hotel & Casino was originally opened in 1968 as the Sheraton Hotel & Casino. The Palm Beach Casino opened in 1982 and closed in 1983 thus the dice below be attributed to that short era. Later the Palm Casino opened on December 9, 1983 and stayed open until 1999. After 1999, many different owners are attributed to this small casino, namely the Hart Casino, the Merenge Casino then the Centurion Casino. Today it is the Cool Casino in the new Rui Hotel.



CONCORDE CASINO OF ARUBA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

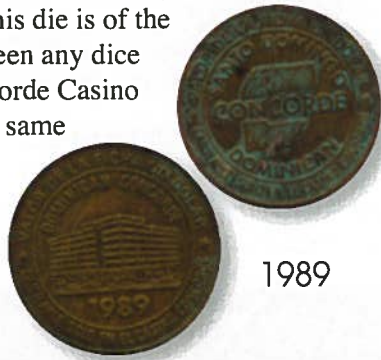


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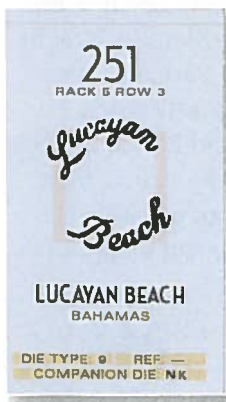
The Aruba Concorde casino officially opened on December 1, 1977 with Thomas Chung as the manager. The same dice die depicting the logo 'Concorde' could also have been used at the Concorde Casino in the Dominican Republic, however, due to the age of the dice die

collection, I suspect that this die is of the 1977 vintage. I have not seen any dice from the Dominican Concorde Casino to compare the die to. The same token logo, however, can be seen on the 1981 token from the Aruba Concorde and the 1989 token from the Dominican Concorde token.



1989

LUCAYAN BEACH HOTEL, LUCAYAN - GRAND BAHAMA

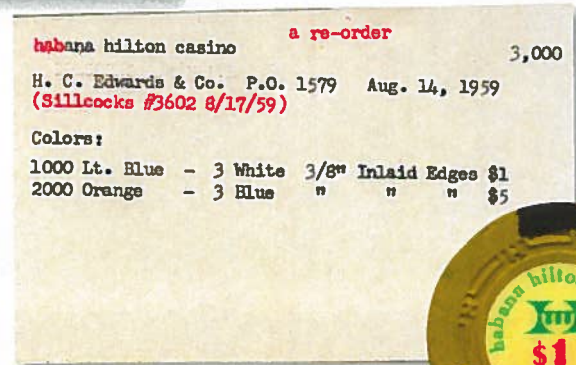


The Lucayan Beach Hotel's earliest chip order form from the Burt Co. records is on June 6, 1963, so the dice may have been of that vintage.

HABANA HILTON CASINO, CUBA



According to the order card from the Burt Co. records, a re-order of casino chips can be noted on August 14, 1959 and I suspect that the dice die was made prior to that date, however, these dice are in perfect condition and appear to have been so well preserved



CURACAO HILTON CASINO




The Curacao Hilton ordered its first Christy & Jones casino chips as noted from the Burt Co. records on



November 13, 1968. The eight sided logo is noted on the dice and chips and was also chosen as the design of its famous eight sided swimming pool outside of the hotel.

CURACAO HILTON CASINO NOV. 13, 1968
 Paul-Son Dice and Card Co. (Sillcocks #6361 11-18-68)
 ORDER #1013 11-13-68
 Colors:
 1500 Green - 4 Black 1/4" Inlaid Edges, \$25
 1500 Black - 4 Red " " " , \$5
 1000 White - 4 Black " " " , \$1
 Top Hat Mold - Extra Heavy




DORADO DEL MAR CASINO OF PUERTO RICO



The Burt Co. records show the initial chip order for the H.C. Edwards Co. for October 5, 1973 and I suspect that the dice die was made around that date.




The dice dies, dice and chip logos are almost exactly the same. In order to design two different

color designs, two different dice dies needed to be manufactured and separately struck and different color materials were used.



PUERTO RICO AMERICANA CASINO

PAGE 4 - final
 AMERICANA - San Juan Apr. 26, 1966
 H. C. Edwards & Co. Inc. Order #2111 (Sillcocks #5705 4/22/66)
 Inlays for Pages 1, 2, 3:



The Americana Casino dice die logo is the same for Aruba as is for Puerto Rico. The Aruba Americana opened in Aruba in 1975 while the American, San



Juan opened in 1966 according to the Burt Co. records. I suspect that this dice die from Puerto Rico dates back to 1966. The same and similar chip logos can be seen on the Puerto Rico Americana and a Bud Jones metal inlay chip without a country nor Island location.



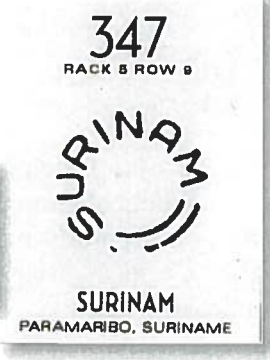
JAKE KOZLOFF & CLIFFORD JONES



The famous Caribbean pioneers, Jake Kozloff and Clifford Jones have their initials on several casino chips and also dice. They are responsible in opening the Mamora Bay (Mamora Beach) in Antigua. In Suriname, the Surinam Casino, Torarica, Paramirabo, and Palace casinos. However, on these dice, their initials were not placed. The following dice had their initials on them:

1. Aruba Caribbean Casino
2. Little Bay casino in St. Maarten
3. Generic CJ / JK (several varieties)

The dice shown on the right were used in the Torarica Hotel & Casino in Paramirabo, Surinam and not in the nearby Palace Casino.



ANTIGUA KINGS CASINO



Two variations for the Kings Casino in Antigua.

ANTIGUA FLAMINGO CASINO



The Flamingo Casino from Antigua is seldom if ever discussed. According to Robert Coram, this casino was part of the Castle Harbour Hotel

& Casino. Via the Burt Co. records, the Castle Harbour ordered their H.C. Edwards Co. chips on September 3, 1973. I suspect that the dice were of that vintage.

MAMORA BAY CASINO



The Mamora Bay casino in the Holiday Inn was opened by Jake Kozloff with Mario Vroljk as a dealer and croupier in 1964. Later, in the same location,

the Mamora Beach Casino opened in 1965 with different owners, the Burt Co. records show the original order cards on September 17, 1965.

NOVEMBER 17, 1965

MARMORA BEACH CASINO (Antigua, West Indies) (Sillcocks #5588, 11/17/65)

H. C. Edwards & Co. Order #2079

Colors:

1800 Gray	- 3 Br. Yellow	3/8" Inl. Edges	\$1
3500 Blue	- 3 White	" " "	\$5
800 Lavender	- 3 Lt. Blue	" " "	\$25
1500 Green	- 3 Black	" " "	\$25
600 Dk. Red			
(Maroon)-	3 Br. Green	" " "	\$100
500 Orange	- 3 Br. Red	" " "	\$100
300 Black	- 3 Br. Orange	" " "	\$1000

NEW #1 SMALL H MOLD - Spec. Heavy Checks with ALL Inl. Edges Reg. Wgt. OVER

LITTLE BAY BEACH CASINO OF ST. MAARTEN



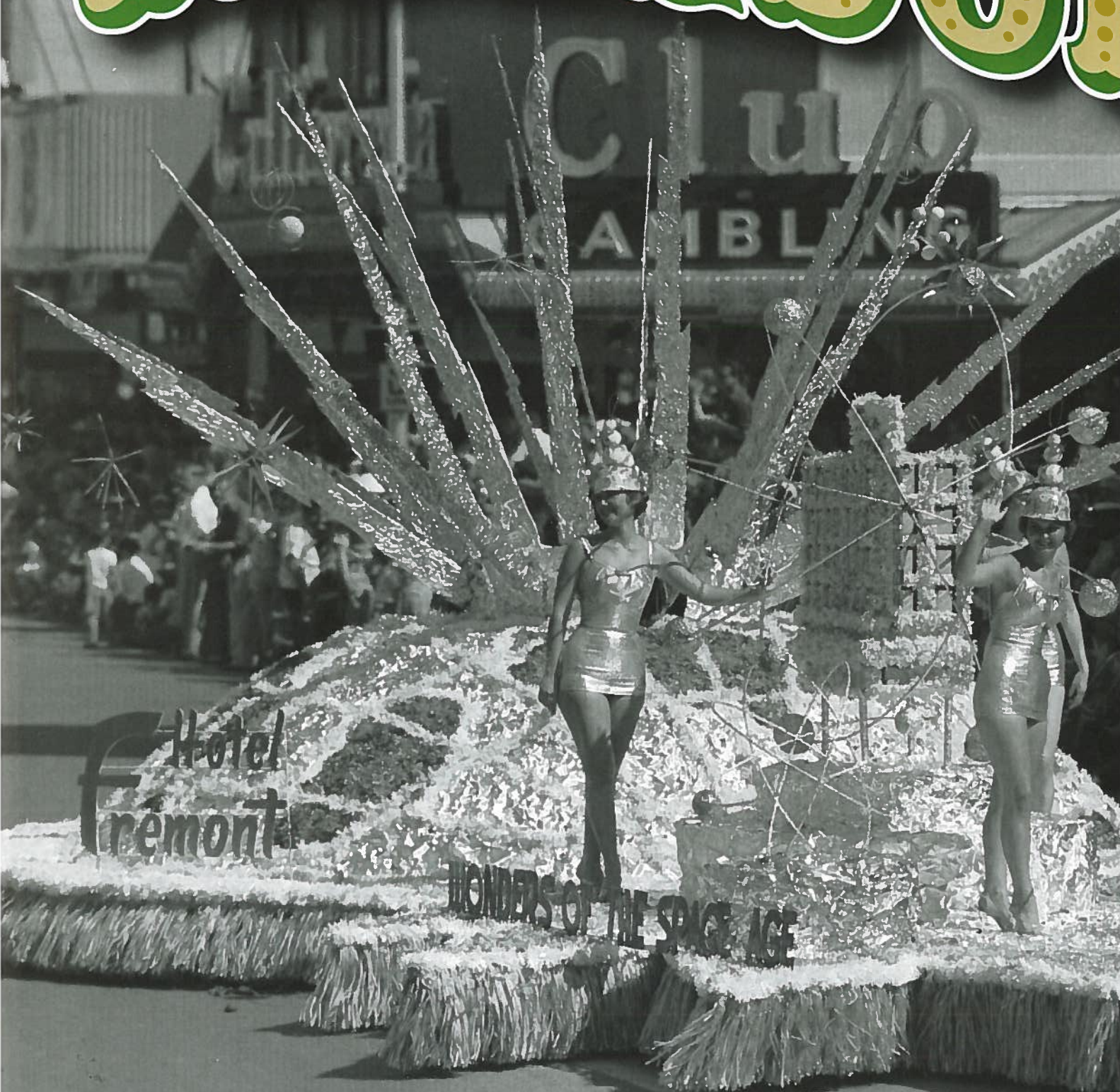
The Little Bay Beach Hotel was the first tourist hotel in 1952 in St. Maarten. The Little Bay Beach Casino was a very small casino and was only three meters by six meters long and was opened by Jake Kozloff in 1962 with the dice depicting the Little Bay Beach Hotel and the CJ / JK logos on them.

CAPRI CASINO OF CUBA



The above examples are just the tip of the iceberg as far as information is concerned. Due to space limitation, scores of examples could not be included. I wish to thank Pete Lowell for permission to use and copy the images of the die imprints that were copied from Pete Lowell's book, "Black Clay Die Catalog" 2005 and to Jim Blanchard for his input on the Burt Co. records. This article could not have been complete without their help.

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HELLDORADO

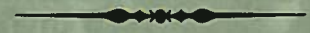
Day Parades

By Pam Goertler #R-3432



"Helldorado Days is the glue holding our past with our present... It is a most important event to celebrate our being Las Vegans and showing our love for each other and to our city."

- Las Vegas Mayor
Oscar B. Goodman.



No. 10207

Keep this stub. Deposit the other half of this ticket in the big hopper at Cashman Field on Bodeo Nights, May 13, 14, 15, 16. If your ticket is drawn you win \$500 cash prize. One \$500 prize each night. Winner need not be present to win.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

No. 10207

HELLDORADO
LAS VEGAS ELKS, 1965




Hotel Fremont Float from 1958 courtesy of Las Vegas News Bureau.

In 1905, when Senator William Clark held the land auction that was the beginning of Las Vegas, most of the town's residents were men who worked for the railroad. The oasis that became Las Vegas was a natural point for the steam locomotives to stop and get water en route from Southern California to Salt Lake City. Repair yards were built, and Las Vegas developed into a railroad town of about 2300 people. In July of 1922 Las Vegas joined a nation-wide railroad strike. Scab crews arrived in Las Vegas, which triggered violence and arrests. This resulted in chaos for the local economy, as several weeks passed with no trains stopping in Las Vegas; freight piled up, supplies went unsold and a few businesses closed. In apparent retaliation, shortly after the strike was settled Union Pacific moved the repair yards, and hundreds of associated jobs, to Caliente. Almost surprisingly, the little town of Las Vegas survived.

In an attempt to diversify its economy, Las Vegas began to market itself to attract tourists. In 1931 two pieces of legislation were passed that helped; casino gambling was legalized and residency requirements, to obtain a divorce, were shortened to six weeks. Coupled with the fact that it was relatively easy to get alcohol during prohibition, the new laws helped Las Vegas earn her reputation as a wide-open town.



An early photograph of some of the first Helldorado Day Organizers. On the donkey is the first Helldorado Queen Louise Di Fleour.

The “anything goes” atmosphere, even in the 1930’s, was one of the things that attracted visitors to Las Vegas. The construction workers who were building Boulder



1949 photograph of Helldorado Day fun in period costumes

Dam lived in Boulder City, a town that was built by the government; wine, women and songs were not readily available...neither was gambling. So, when the workers got their paychecks, many of them headed for Vegas to have a good time. Thousands of visitors flocked to Boulder Dam, so Vegas began calling itself “The Gateway to Boulder Dam” in an attempt to capitalize on the dam publicity.

On March 26, 1935, plans were announced for the first Las Vegas Helldorado, sponsored by Elks Lodge #1468. It was reported that Clyde Zerby, a carnival barker from Arizona, would be the pageant director and would be in charge of the arrangements. All Las Vegasans were asked to wear western or frontier clothing and the men were asked to let their beards grow. It was hoped that Helldorado would appeal to tourists and locals alike.

Over the years Helldorado Days traditionally included a Helldorado Village, a rodeo, kangaroo court, whiskerino (a beard growing contest), a small-fry parade for youngsters, the Old-timers Parade that allowed no motor-driven vehicles, and a beauty parade that grew to be so elaborate that one review said the only parade that could beat it was the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena! Floats were entered from as far away as California, Arizona and New Mexico... and of course the casinos spent thousands of dollars every year trying to out-do each other with their elaborate entries. One Las Vegas local reminisced that many of the local businesses closed down during Helldorado, so everyone could join the fun. Bars and casinos, of course, stayed open.

The first Helldorado festivities were held from April 25-28, 1935. One account said that the 1935 Helldorado was a bit more risqué than later celebrations, including a show of “hoochie-coochie” dancers!

Volunteers ran the events, and the money that was raised was used to support various youth groups in Las Vegas. One of the highlights was a parade led by Lt. Governor Fred Alvard, who was accompanied by Mayor Ernie Cragin, Jim Cashman, Rex Bell, and former boxing champion Maxie Rosenbloom. The parade consisted of 100 floats depicting the heritage of Las Vegas, and about 50 horseback riders. A Death Valley Stagecoach carried a golden wedding party; the bride and groom were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pauff, they were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Von Tobel. The Pauff and Von Tobel couples were original Las Vegas pioneers, arriving in 1905. In 1935 the Pauffs had been married for 63 years. They renewed their vows at the Helldorado Village, dressed in period clothing, with Reverend Charles H. Sloan officiating.

Also as part of the celebration the Elks built a frontier “Helldorado Village”, at Fifth and Fremont Streets (where the El Cortez is now), which contained several buildings including the “Last Chance Saloon”, a dance hall, and a gambling hall, in addition to several exhibits of frontier and mining items. A fiddlers contest was held at the Village; M.L. Prine, from Jean, received an engraved cup, as the winner. On the last night, Maxine Wright, a Spanish dancer, was



crowned “Belle of the Helldorado”. All of the citizens wore frontier style costumes during the four-day event, and a good time was had by all.

In 1937 cowboy star and singer Tex Ritter was a featured entertainer during Helldorado Days, and wrote the song “The

Rodeo Boys” for the occasion. Death Valley Scotty was seen at the celebration in 1937. You don’t know who Scotty was? Sorry...that’s another story...

In 1939 the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce bought several antique vehicles to be part of the Pioneer Parade of that year. They offered the vehicles for sale to individuals and organizations that would then be responsible for restoring them and entering them in the parade. One of the vehicles was a 1911 Sears-Roebuck model K business car, which was purchased by James Cashman for \$75. The vehicle was restored by Roy Leland, shop mechanic for the Cadillac dealership that the Cashmans owned, and the car was named the Desert Love Buggy. In addition to being in Helldorado parades, the Desert Love Buggy was driven around town as a tourist promotion, and many Hollywood stars received rides in the antique auto. The car has been on display at the Nevada State Museum in Lorenzi Park (and might still be).



The Original 1911 Desert Love Buggy

The 1939 parade entry from the Nevada Beverage Company was a wagon, with the owner's two young sons, that was pulled by a mule. After pulling the wagon for a bit, the mule decided that he wasn't going any further. The boys tried for about 10 minutes to get him moving, as other parade participants went past them, many of them chuckling. Suddenly the mule began to run, and ended up passing almost everyone in the parade, to the amusement of the onlookers. At the end of the route the mule was given a beer, his favorite beverage on a hot day.



The El Rancho Vegas float in the 1947 "Old Timer Parade"

Crown Prince Olav and Princess Martha of Norway were honored guests at the Helldorado celebration of 1939.

Also in 1939, over 100 volunteers helped build a new Helldorado Village at Fifth and Linden, including an old iron portable jail that was similar to the jail used to house prisoners in Las Vegas during her early days.

During the war years, Las Vegas considered putting a stop to the Helldorado Days festivities. However, after consultations with military officials, it was decided that Helldorado provided good, clean fun, and it was important to have recreational outlets available to our servicemen and women. The annual Helldorado Days continued.

In the early 1940's the Elks added a new, somewhat gruesome, attraction to the Helldorado Village. Have you ever heard of Queho? He was born around 1880 in Eldorado Canyon, the illegitimate son of a Mexican miner and a local Indian girl. In 1910 Queho appeared near Las Vegas and supposedly got involved in a feud over the killing of a medicine man. As a result, it was reported that

Queho, Indian Murderer, Terrorized Areas of Clark County for 30 Years

Clark county had a murder rap-
port which ran for 30 years, but
just a week ago it was reported
when the mangled body of the
Indian murderer Queho was found
in a cave near Hoover dam.
Queho was a man who lived in the
mountain areas of the Colorado River,
near St. Thomas, in the
Eldorado Canyon. He had his
hideout there for 30 years, and
was reported to have killed
many of the miners who worked
in the area. He was reported to
have killed a man named
Frank Ward, and the man
was reported to have been
killed in 1910.



FRANK WARD — Shown above is a photograph of the late Frank Ward, who was killed in 1910 at the first Helldorado celebration, when he got on his old "San Francisco" cop's uniform for the event. Ward, one of the finest police officers in northern Nevada history, tracked the murderer Queho for weeks in 1925, and was deeply mourned in 1940 when the mangled body of the murderer was found.

Queho killed a Paiute named Bismarck Queho then found a job, cutting trees near Searchlight. Reportedly he got angry and killed his boss, bashing him in the head with a chunk of cedar. From that point forward, anytime

that anyone died a violent death in the area, Queho was blamed. Posses went in search of him, but they were never able to find him. Rewards, eventually reaching \$2000, were offered for his death or capture. Finally, in February of 1940, Queho's remains were found in a cave overlooking the Colorado River, about 10 miles below Hoover Dam. Some of the items that were found with him had belonged to his victims, confirming that he was responsible for at least some of the deaths that had been attributed to him.

The Elks came into possession of the bones and the artifacts that were in the cave. It was a time of frontier justice...not political correctness, and they built a replica of the cave in the Helldorado Village. They installed the bones and artifacts much as they had been found, then sealed the entrance with glass. Some years later the bones and artifacts were stolen from the village. The bones were eventually recovered; they'd been scattered in the



1950 Whiskerino contestants

Bonanza Wash. Finally a skeleton, said to be Queho's, was respectfully buried near Pahrump.

In 1945 whatever Helldorado floats were ready, were put to use early, along with the high school band, the American Legion and thousands of servicemen, in an impromptu parade celebrating V.E. day on May 7. Soon after that, it was time for the real Helldorado Days with Dale Evans, among others, kicking off the festivities.

The 1946 Helldorado was attended by more than 50,000 people, the largest one to date. The attraction? Frank Sinatra came in to open the festivities. Frank was greeted at the airport by Mayor Cragin and other town officials, and was presented with a key to the city and a Stetson hat. Eddie Cantor flew in with Frank, but didn't receive the same amount of attention.

Gabby Hayes and Roy Rogers led the parade. It was all filmed, and became part of the Roy Rogers movie "Heldorado" that was released in December of 1946. While the signage in the movie all said "Helldorado", the censors wouldn't let the second "L" stay in the movie title.

Harold's Club of Reno won first prize for its float, a float from Carson City came in second, and the Last Frontier Hotel came in third.

A railroad strike began during the celebration, leaving many visitors to find their way home on busses.

In 1948 many of the events took place at the new stadium on North Fifth Street. Bob Hope was in town to emcee the festivities.

In 1950 the theme of the beauty parade was "Song Titles", and it was proclaimed to have been the most beautiful parade in the history of the celebration. This



was the first time that a television company came in to film the events. Unfortunately, Las Vegas didn't get to see the festivities on TV, as it would be three more years before there would be a television tower in the valley. (On July 22, 1953, television arrived in Las Vegas, available from 4:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.)



According to other collectors that I've talked to, 1950 appears to have been the inaugural year for the Helldorado pin back buttons. I don't know if they started like this, but at least in later years Helldorado participants "had" to buy a button...getting caught without one would get you locked up in the Helldorado hoosegow until someone bailed you out, or you paid a fine!

The Helldorado Village was the venue for the beauty queen contest of 1950. The contest was directed by the Las Vegas Junior Chamber of Commerce. There were 33 contestants lined up in front of the four judges; MGM movie star Miss Selene Walters, Hollywood publicity agent Paul Ross, director for Paramount Studios John Murphy, and William J. Prosser, public relations director for Standard Oil Co., from Bakersfield, CA. The winner of the contest was Kathy Libby, a 17-year old student from Las Vegas High School, who rode on the float from the Thunderbird...which also won first place, in the Resort Hotel division. The Thunderbird float represented the song "Show Boat", and carried a Dixieland Band.



1950 Thunderbird Hotel "Show Boat" theme float



The Las Vegas Club float featuring the One Arm Bandit slots in 1952. Photo Courtesy of The Las Vegas News Bureau.

The Old Timers Parade, on Thursday afternoon, was led by Florian Gass who was born at the Old Ranch in 1876. There was a burro beauty parade and the winner, Rosebud, later accompanied some Las Vegas Jaycees to Chicago on a trip to promote Las Vegas.

The 1953 Helldorado fell during atomic testing at Yucca Flats. In addition to the usual assortment of prospectors with burros, cowboys, entertainers and beauty queens that were in town, there were some 130 Congressmen and senators, four-star General Curtis Le May, General Bryant Ostner, General Edwin Rawlins, and several other top military men, as well as many of the country's top scientists in town. In general, though, the military men and scientists didn't make it to the Helldorado festivities. Since they

didn't participate in the fun, one has to wonder if they understood why all of the men of Las Vegas had beards, and why so many people were wearing old west clothing! The theme of the 1953 Helldorado was "Motion Picture Titles".

In 1954 Naomi Lytle was chosen as the Helldorado Queen and Bonnie Gay Jolley was the queen of the Beauty Parade. Fan dancer Sally Rand rode in a bejeweled stagecoach for the beauty parade.



The Flamingo's "Snow White" float in 1952. Photo Courtesy of The Las Vegas News Bureau.

In 1956 the newly constructed \$6 million, 155-room Fremont Hotel opened on May 18...right in the middle of Helldorado Days. Towering 15 stories above Fremont and Second Streets, it was downtown's first high-rise, high-class hotel. Crowds thronged the resort and made it an immediate success.

In 1963 the waiting area for parade participants was on Main Street, just north of Fremont. It was a hot day in May, and some mischievous kids from the West Side threw water



The Golden Nugget's "Golden Hawk" float in 1952.
Photo Courtesy of The Las Vegas News Bureau.



Some of the cute "Small Fry" parade participants

balloons at those who were waiting to march in the parade! Far from being annoyed, the waiting marchers welcomed the cooling off experience.

In 1993 bull-riding was an important part of the 59th annual Helldorado Days. Bull Ride '93, on May 25-26, featured some of the top riders on the rodeo circuit, including Tuff Hedeman. Then on May 27-30 a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeo was held, along with the carnival, food booths, entertainment and parades that were standard during the Helldorado Days festivities.

1994 was the last year that the Helldorado parade went down Fremont Street. Several blocks of the street were permanently closed for the construction of the Fremont Street Experience.

In 1997 Helldorado expenses were rising, and interest in the events was diminishing. For the first time since Helldorado began, the parades and the carnival were cancelled. The rodeo and western village went on. Local Businessman "Buffalo Jim" Barrier held his own "Helldorado Party" outside of his shop on Industrial Road. It was a free block-party that was attended by about 1000 people.

In 1998, in an effort to defray costs and regain profitability, the Elks entered into a multiple-year contract with an outside promoter. The promoter guaranteed the Elks \$25,000 a year; in return the promoter would run the events, collect the revenue, and retain the rights to the Helldorado name. For the second year in a row, at least partly due to high winds and bad weather, attendance was down and Helldorado lost money.

In 1999 the private production company cancelled Helldorado, but they retained the rights to the name so the Elks couldn't hold Helldorado if they wanted to.

After more than 60 years, Helldorado had lost its momentum. It seemed that the Vegas philosophy of "if it's old...blow it up, tear it down, get rid of it" had Helldorado as another victim. Then-a surprise. In preparation for celebrating the city's upcoming 2005 Centennial, a planning committee was organized. In a meeting to discuss what the committee members would like to see happen for the celebration, the members were asked to write down ideas. Out of 17 people, all 17 wrote down "bring back Helldorado!" Then the planning began.

On Saturday May 14, 2005, the Helldorado Parade was back...and my husband and I were there! Red foil-wrapped chocolate hearts were being tossed from ice chests on the Ethel M float, and icy cold bottles of water were being passed out from the Safeway truck. There were classic cars and hot-rods carrying Helldorado Queens from years past, there were cowboys and cowgirls, 29 marching bands, belly dancers, dragons, a stagecoach, horses, cloggers, fiddlers and floats. One entry was a group of about 15

basset hounds...I think they were from an adoption center. Anyway, it was about 105 out, and the poor guys really didn't want to walk down that hot street! There was a little shade from a few palm trees, and the pups headed for the shade to sit down. A couple of kind souls were giving them drinks from water bottles...and the handlers had a heck of a time getting the dogs to move again!



The original Desert Love Buggy back in action in 2005.

The parade route was only eight blocks long, and there were thousands of marchers in over 200 parade entries. We heard that the parade lasted nearly five hours, though my husband and I only lasted about half that long before heading to the Horseshoe for a blast of air conditioning and a cold drink. The one thing that was really disappointing was the lack of participation from the casinos. Barbary Coast had an entry with Big Elvis, but I don't recall seeing any other casino entries. I guess that was the result of the corporate mentality that's replaced the old frontier-town feeling of Las Vegas. Personally, I can't say that I like the change much...but that's just my opinion, and change is inevitable. Still, it was nice to see the old tradition revived.



Pete "Big Elvis" Valle in 2005, at that time appearing at the Barbary Coast.

A small Helldorado village had been constructed downtown, and a Wells Fargo stagecoach was available for photos. We got our 2005 Helldorado buttons, and wore them right next to buttons from 1950 and 1951. We saw one man wearing a vest that was covered with old Helldorado buttons...I'm guessing that he had them from every year they were issued, though I didn't ask him. On Sunday there was a re-enactment of the 1905 land auction, and I missed part of it because I was packing! After the auction, Mayor Goodman unveiled a historical marker at the Plaza Hotel & Casino, the site of the original land auction. It was a pleasure to see some recognition for "old" Las Vegas. Then we headed to California for a couple of days, so we missed seeing the cutting of the world's largest birthday cake.

The 2005 Helldorado was deemed a success, and started the revival of a long-time Las Vegas tradition. It was announced that Helldorado would return in 2006, with events taking place over the whole month of May. Some of the announced events included a golf tournament, art auction, poker tournament, trap shooting and the annual parade.

In the 2008 parade, Mayor Goodman rode in a convertible, carrying an oversized version of his signature drink...a martini.

Some of the events planned for 2009 include a sponsor appreciation chuck-wagon dinner on April 25, a charity golf tournament on

May 6, a carnival and a PRCA rodeo May 14-17, and the 75th annual Helldorado Days Parade on May 16, 2009, beginning at 7:00 P.M. More information can be found at elkshelldorado.com.

Helldorado Day Parade Limited Edition chip by The Pioneer Club in Las Vegas. Courtesy of Brian Cashman



THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE HELLDORADO DAY PARADES



Left: The Tropicana's "Wonders of the World" float; featuring the Tropicana Girls and a replica of the hotel fountain in the back half of the float.

Bottom Left: The El Rancho Vegas float features some leggy jockeys riding comedian Joe E. Brown's horse to victory.

Bottom Right: Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn float presents "The Moulin Rouge".

Images courtesy of Las Vegas News Bureau.





Left: The Horseshoe Club and its "Wonders of Nevada" float.

Bottom: The only image I have ever seen of the downtown Las Vegas Bird Cage float. Here just sailing past it's downtown location on Fremont Street.

Images courtesy of Las Vegas News Bureau.

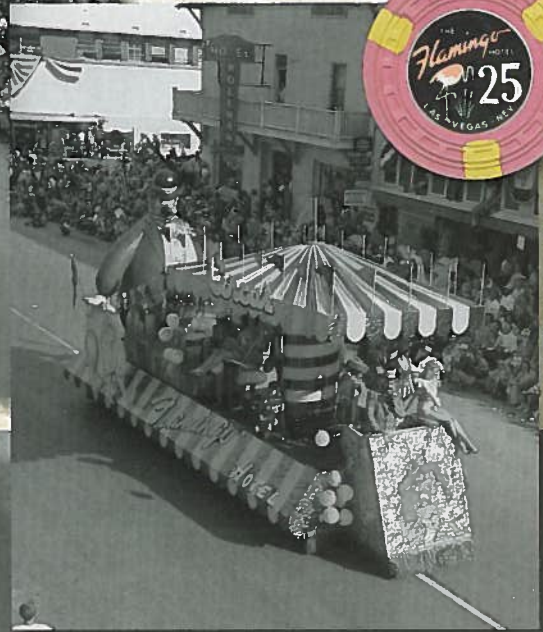




Left: The Golden Nugget's swan like entry "A Bird in a Gilded Cage" in 1958.

Below Right: The Flamingo Hotel with an unusual circus theme float.

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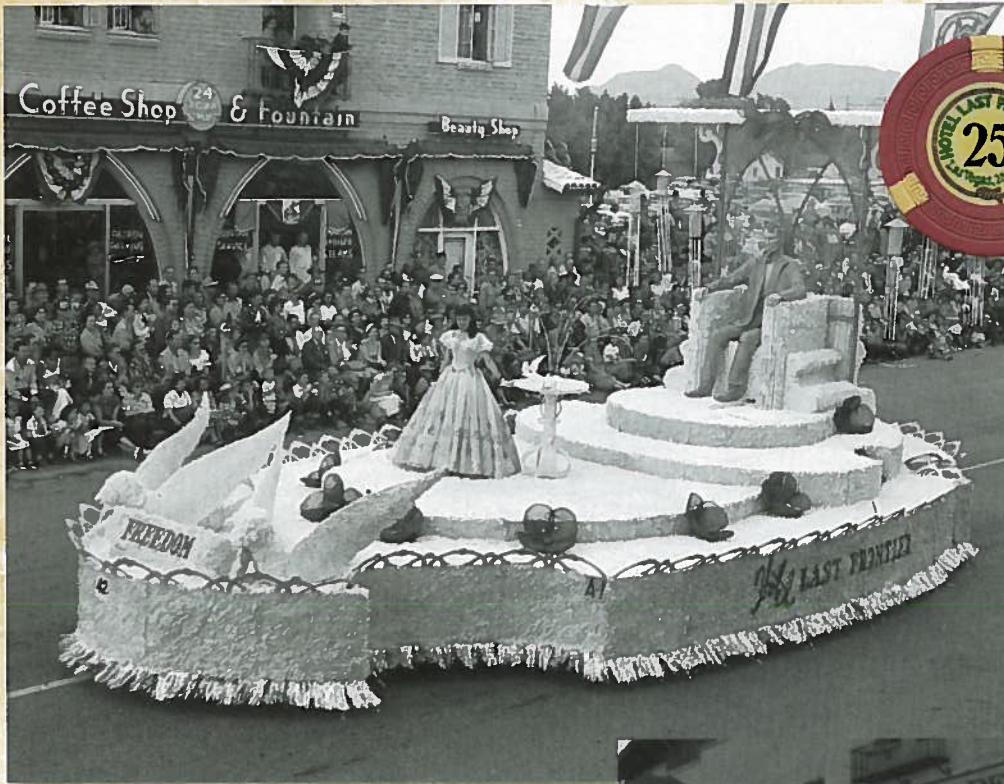
The Sands "Bathing Beauty" float with full pool and live diving act. "Bathing Beauty" an MGM film was released in 1944, but this seems to be a photo from the early fifties courtesy of the Las Vegas New Bureau.



Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn float featuring the Joshua Trees that were the focus of the hotels decor.

Image courtesy of Las Vegas News Bureau.





Left: Hotel Last Frontier and their "Freedom" float complete with an Abraham Lincoln figure.

Below Right: Small Fry paradees.

Bottom: Royal Nevada's float with it's distinctive crown in front.

Images courtesy of Las Vegas News Bureau.



Royal Nevada chip courtesy of John Schleis



Left: Another Flamingo float adorned with the strange pink birds.

Bottom: The Sahara's "Birth of Venus" float encrusted with sea horses, oyster shells and beauty queens.

Images courtesy of Las Vegas News Bureau.





The images on this page were obtained from an on-line auction and are most likely that of the Hellorado Parade in 1958 or 1959 as evidence by the Bird Cage casino.

Left: The Tropicana and it's trademark fountain made from tinfoil.

Below: The Mint Casino's float with "Pocahontas" riding right past thier casinos location on Fremont street.



Right: A very strange photo included in this grouping of a gigantic gun toting diapher baby with a cowboy hat on.... any body have any ideas as to what or who would have presented such a float?



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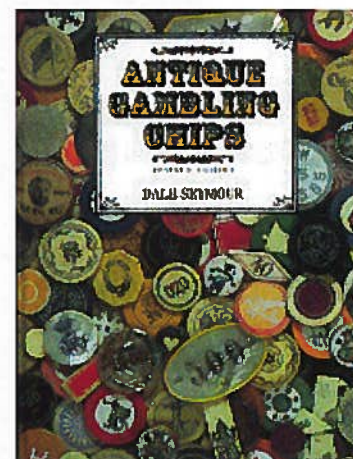
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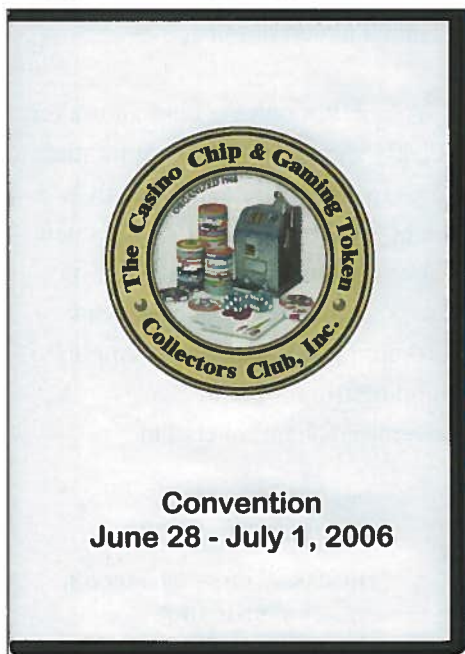
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THE CASINO CHIPS OF OREGON (AND IDAHO)

by Steve Goodrich (2009)

They don't call Steve Goodrich "Mr. Pacific Northwest" for nothing! For some years, Steve has been the foremost authority on the chips and casinos of that region, and this, his third volume, covers the final two jurisdictions: Oregon and Idaho.

Goodrich's first book was devoted to Washington (now in its third edition), and the second to Montana. I suspect a second edition of the Montana book will be next.

The format of this Oregon/Idaho book has changed somewhat. Instead of the previous horizontal (landscape, for you geeks out there) format, this time a normal vertical (portrait, in geekspeak) layout is used. Personally, I prefer it: I find the vertical format easier to use and more convenient.

As with his previous books, Steve has listed chips and casinos for Oregon, then for Idaho, alphabetically, without regard to location, with the location, address, and opening and closing dates listed below. This makes finding an unknown chip pretty easy. In addition, an initial cross-reference in the back of the book lists the initials that are all that appear on some chips, so they can be found in the main body easily.

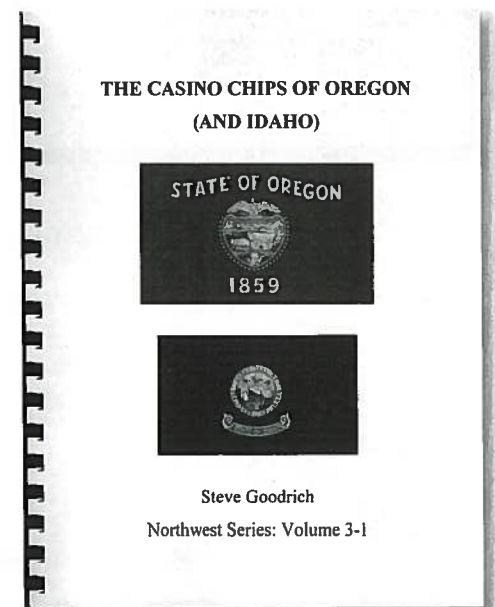
For each club, the denominations, colors, mould design and center characteristics are shown. The book is also a price guide, using the letter code guide developed by The Chip Rack, which is by now familiar to all collectors.

One thing missing from this book, but which was included in the Washington and Montana volumes, is the "PNW" or "Goodrich" catalog number for each chip. Steve eliminated

them to save space with the change to the vertical format, but I would have preferred a slightly smaller font and inclusion of the catalog numbers.

This Oregon/Idaho book is somewhat thinner than the Washington or Montana books, because there have been fewer card clubs in these states. Goodrich has explained the history of gambling in these states in his introduction, and clearly there's just not as much material to list.

A look through the book, however, quickly shows that there are far more chips from Oregon and Idaho than might first be suspected. Steve's new book is a must for any collector of Pacific Northwest material. It can be ordered from Steve for \$20 plus shipping from Steve at stevemrpnw@turbonet.com



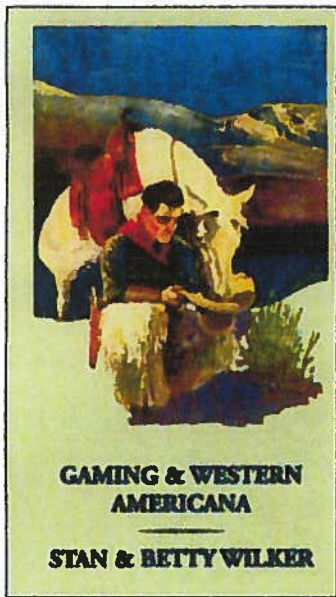
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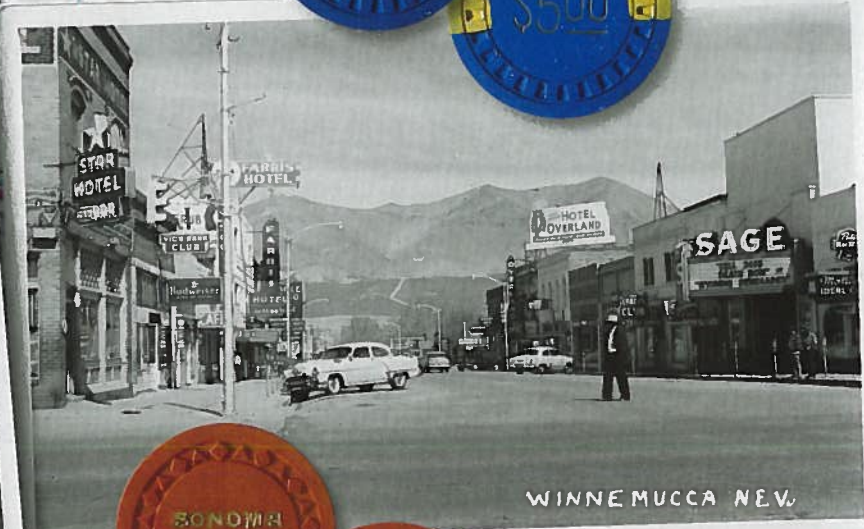
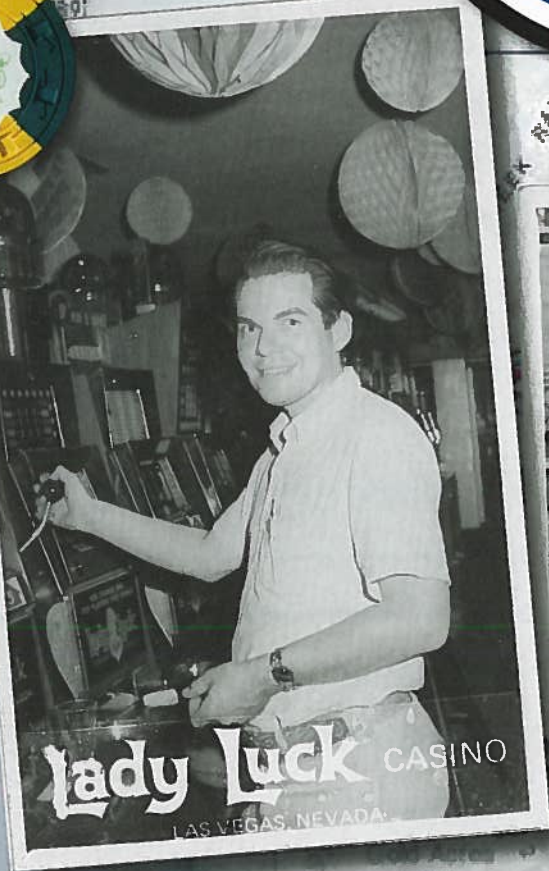
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Phil's Forays



Last Issue we covered The Thunderbird and Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas. For this issue we are going up north past Reno to stop in Winnemucca, NV. This is Phil's original story of "Running Amuck In Winnemucca". This story ran in the fall issue of 1998. It has been updated with photos and images of chips and postcards from Phil's collection...

Running Amuck In Winnemucca by Phil Jensen

Of all the places I've been in Nevada and I've been everywhere

there was a bar, slot machine, or chip to be had, my favorite was Winnemucca, a small town in the North Central part of the state.

My first recollection of Winnemucca was in the late 1950's when our family took a trip to California from our home state of Wisconsin. We were traveling old U.S. 40 and stopped in Winnemucca for gas. I had never been in a casino and was really anxious to get a look inside one even though I was under age. Anyway, we stopped at a station I remember being just down the street

from the Star casino. I figured here was my chance and took off on the run hoping I wouldn't be missed. I darted into the Star and was awestruck by all the slot machines. I went up one row and started back down another when suddenly I was confronted by a very large security guard. In a moment I was back on the street - my adventure lasting probably under a minute. I ran back to the car where my dad was still gassing up. Nothing was said but I'm sure he knew what I was up to.

By the time I got back to Winnemucca it was the summer

of 1966. I had driven from Tahoe where I was working at Harrah's with a friend just to take a look around. I remember going into Scotty's Club which was next to the Star Broiler. There were so many old guys sitting around it looked like a retirement home. Scotty's claim to fame was that there were no ashtrays anywhere you simply put your butt out on the floor. It was a wonder the joint didn't burn down. Ironically, after the place was acquired by the Star, it did burn in 1978 destroying the entire casino. Although

I didn't get any chips then I did get several sets from the former owner several years later. They were just BC Wills hotstamps but were among my favorites.

My search for chips put me in contact with some pretty colorful characters. They ranged from club owners to desert rats.

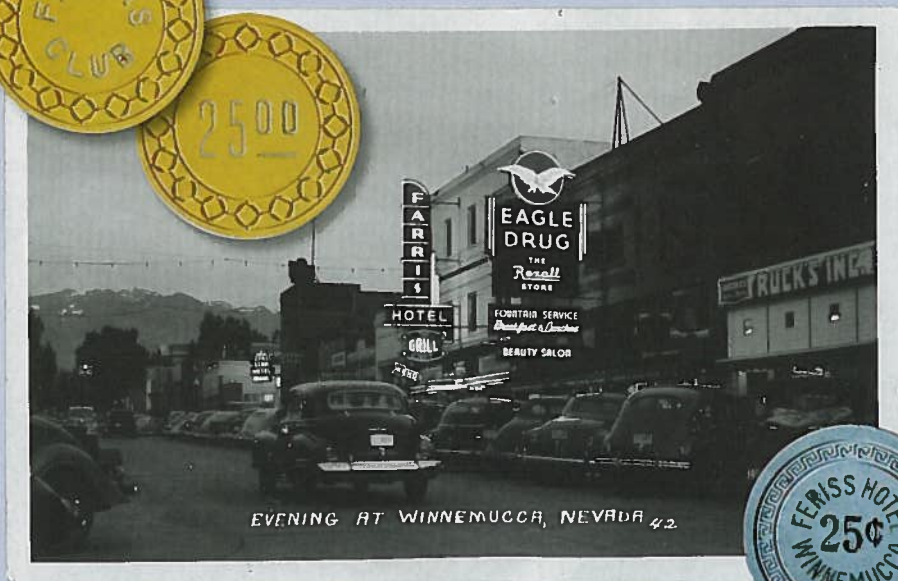
Probably my favorite was "Disaster" Mike Lizanetz. I first met Mike in the summer of 1969 at the old Ferris Hotel on Bridge Street where he ran the "21"

and roulette table were only 3 or 4 feet apart so I slid over and introduced myself to Mike. I told him I was looking for old casino chips and did he have any laying around?

Now, there was a stairway that went up to the rooms along the wall where the pit was and it formed one of those triangular shaped closets underneath. I remember thinking I sure would like to go in there and nose around. Anyway, Mike turned out to be pretty nice guy especially to a kid with a strange request. His face lit up and he said just a minute and disappeared into the closet. He returned a few minutes later and I swear he had a bowling ball in his hands which he plunked down on the roulette table. I was speechless at first but politely declined his offer to sell. He took it back and returned with several more items but I reminded him I was only interested in old chips. He told me to come back in the morning and see the owner of the hotel.

I was back the next day, having spent the night in my camper. There was Mike right where I had left him the day before behind the roulette table. He told me to have a seat and the owner would be around shortly. Pretty soon a couple of guys came out of the back room and Mike introduced me to one of them, I think his name was Hawkins and I asked him if he had any old chips. He said he'd go see what he could find. As I waited, I thought if this guy shows up with a bowling ball I'm outta here for good.

In about 15 minutes the guy's back and he had a handful of old chips - all different from the Ferris. They were all BC Wills hotstamps - ones, fives, and a twenty five that was spelled Farris. I couldn't believe it, I really hit the jackpot.



and roulette games. The Ferris was an old-time-joint having been there since 1948 when it was spelled Farris. The bar ran down the middle separating the restaurant from the games which were up against the left hand wall. The place was empty except for the bartender and Mike who was behind the roulette table. I sat down at the bar and ordered a beer trying not to be too conspicuous. Anyway the bar



Mike and I became good friends after that. I would always go and see him at the Ferris whenever I got to town. I soon learned that Mike himself was a degenerate Wheel player. He was always trying to raise a bankroll to take to the Nevada Club in Reno where he always played. He liked the single "0" wheel they had and loved to tell stories about the owner, Lincoln Fitzgerald, who he always referred to as "Fitzy".

Mike would always talk about the "Tommy" Club which he said he owned before he came to the Ferris. I thought "Tommy" was an unusual name but never asked him about it. He said he didn't have any of the chips which was disappointing to me. One day he took me across the street to get some ice cream. He said the ice cream shop used to be his old "Tommy" Club and proceeded to point out how the place was laid out. It was like going back in time, I wished I had seen it before it closed.

Some time after that I discovered some "Atomic Club" chips in a coin shop in Carson City. The owner said they came from Winnemucca. Then it hit me, all this time Mike had been talking about the Atomic Club. He did have a bit of an accent. I don't know if it was Basque or what but the next time I saw him I showed him the chips which he verified. I said, "Mike you told me this place was call the 'Tommy Club'". He looked puzzled and said, "Yeah, that's right, the 'Tommy Club'".



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14 After the Ferris closed in 1973, Mike bounced around town working different places. He wasn't hard to find as everyone in town knew him and the first person I asked always knew where to find him. It was kind of funny.

One day I walked into the Boondocks which was a large bar that had been created out of Pepper's and Candy's Clubs. Neither one of them were too exciting but I remember stumbling onto a "21" game in Pepper's one day and getting some chips. The game closed after three months. Anyway, back at the Boondocks, Mike had set up a poker game. When I saw him he was fast asleep in the dealer's seat, his glasses falling off his face. It was quite a sight and I had a good laugh. I walked over and gave him a nudge. "Mike", I said. "I need some of your chips". I could see he had quite an assortment from 10¢ through \$25. He sold me some of each up to the \$5 denomination. I always kept track of the number of chips I had and to add 4 or 5 at once was always a thrill. Mike had come

through once again.

The last time I saw Mike he was working as a pit boss at the Model T truck stop sometime in the late 70's. I hadn't seen him in a long time and he was glad to see me. The first thing he said was that he had to use the restroom and would I watch the "21" game that was in progress? So he took off and there I was, instant pit boss. He was gone for about fifteen minutes and I was getting nervous hoping the owner wouldn't show up and get Mike in trouble. Anyway, that was Mike always good for a laugh.

The next time I got to Winnemucca Mike was gone. Someone said he had moved to Oregon and was working as a box boy in a grocery store. It made me feel real bad. When I heard he died a few years after that I remember thinking I hoped he was playing poker or roulette. Gambling was the thing Mike loved most.

My favorite hangout in Winnemucca was the Humboldt Hotel. I remember it from my first trip in 1966. It was a grand old building with large windows in the casino which occupied most of the ground floor. There were a couple of "21" tables and a crap game where you could bet 23¢ chips. Also, there was a Keno game and plenty of old Mills Hightop slot machines.

Now the owner of the Humboldt was a grouchy old man named Gus Knezevitch and he drove a yellow Cadillac with personalized license plates KNEZ. They were the first I had seen of this new fad in Nevada. Anyway, one day I asked him if he had any old chips from the Humboldt. He mumbled something and walked away. Pretty soon he came back with a couple of Aerodie hotstamps. They were \$5 one blue and one black. He said if I wanted them I'd have to give him \$10 which, of course, I did. Never the less I was underwhelmed by his generosity.

By 1973 I had moved to Las Vegas and was working



downtown. One day I was driving to work when a news report came over the radio that the historic Humboldt Hotel in Winnemucca had burned. I was shocked to learn that my favorite haunt was gone and made a trip there a few weeks later. Sure enough, there she stood all boarded up. The fire had been caused by an employee living in one of the rooms upstairs.

The building remained for over a year and there was some talk of removing the top floors and re-opening the casino. But it was finally torn down and replaced with a mini-mall. The ceramic HH that was imbedded in the sidewalk was retained and placed in a monument on the original site where it remains to this day.

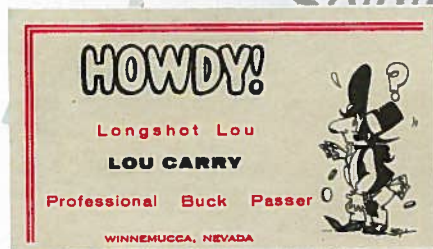
Another character I liked was a guy by the name of Charlie Norris. He worked for a time at the Model T where he designed the reverse of their 1969 dollar gaming token showing a man landing on the moon. His signature is on the moonscape. Charlie was obsessed with the event and had an official document drawn up at the Humboldt County Courthouse claiming ownership of one square mile of the moon with the American Flag marking the center. He made copies and gave them to anyone who would listen to him.

When I met Charlie he was working as a shill at the Dirty Bird casino. Mostly he would shill at the bar with a can of Miller High Life and a salt shaker. Every time he took a drink he would shake some salt into the can.

One day Charlie gave me a token showing the moonscape design from the Model T gaming token on one side and a manger scene on the other. He claimed the moon landing and the Birth of Christ were the two greatest events in the history of Mankind. Charlie was quite a character alright.

In those days Joe Mackies Star Broiler was the main joint in town. Joe also owned the Winners Inn and a couple of other businesses in town prompting some of the locals to refer to the place as Winne-Mackie.

Anyway, there was a guy who worked at the Star by the name of Lou Carey. Lou was a midget who stood about 3 foot-nothing and acted as greeter, poker dealer, show emcee, and just about anything else Joe could think of for him to do. I met him one day when he was dealing poker



and it was funny to watch him push the chips around with a little wooden rake they had made for him. I sat down at the table and asked him if I could buy

one of the five dollar chips a TK Specialty depicting a guy cooking a steak over a barbeque - one of my favorites. He obliged and we wound up striking up quite a friendship.



He told me to come back later that evening to watch the show that he was in. It was the only place in town that had a showroom so I agreed. Anyway Lou cracked some jokes and played his horn. I don't remember if the jokes were funny or not but just watching this midget running around on stage sure was.

Pretty soon Lou introduces an exotic dancer who performed using one of those candles-in-a-bowl that sat on all the cocktail tables. As she shimmied around the stage, the wax began to melt and as the show ended she leaned backwards and poured the hot wax all over herself. The audience gasped and the curtain came down. I figured she worked up enough sweat so she didn't get burned but I'll never forget showtime in Winnemucca.

The last time I saw Lou he was working as a slot carousel barker at the Gem Casino in Reno. He was just the guy to do such a job too. I was surprised to see him and we reminisced about the good old days in Winnemucca.

I still get back to Winnemucca on occasion but the town has really changed and all the neat old places are gone - along with the old timers. I really miss the good times I had and will always cherish the memories.





Phil Harris



The Balinese Room

The Destruction of a Galveston, Texas Landmark

by Ed Hertel

On September 13, 2008, the residents of Galveston, Texas, woke up and emerged from their wind battered homes to find an island of devastation. Hurricane Ike had made landfall and brought all the fury of a Category 4 storm unto the island. Across the country, stories and images of the weather beaten community flashed across televisions. News reporters stood by piles of rubble, water and complete chaos trying to convey the utter devastation and loss of the city. As the disaster toll rose, a better picture emerged as to what was lost; including hundreds of homes, businesses, hotels and one very important historical landmark.



Almost as an after thought, the news reported on the destruction of the Balinese Room. It was described as a nightclub, a Prohibition gambling joint, and a local “curiosity”. None of these reports fully explained the significance of this structure in the history of Galveston or its influence on gambling.

The story of the Balinese Room is so intertwined with Galveston gambling history it is impossible to mention one subject without talking about them both.

The history of organized illegal gambling in Galveston has its genesis in a familiar event – Prohibition. No other event has had such an influence on

rim with cases would anchor outside of federal limits and be unloaded by smaller, faster boats which raced the Coast Guard in a game of cat and mouse. Once these boats made it to the beach, they were unloaded onto trucks and distributed throughout the dry country.

Two very enterprising Sicilian immigrant brothers named Salvatore “Sam” and Rosario “Rose” Maceo ran what was known as the Beach Gang. Their jobs were to coordinate these beach landings and make sure the product

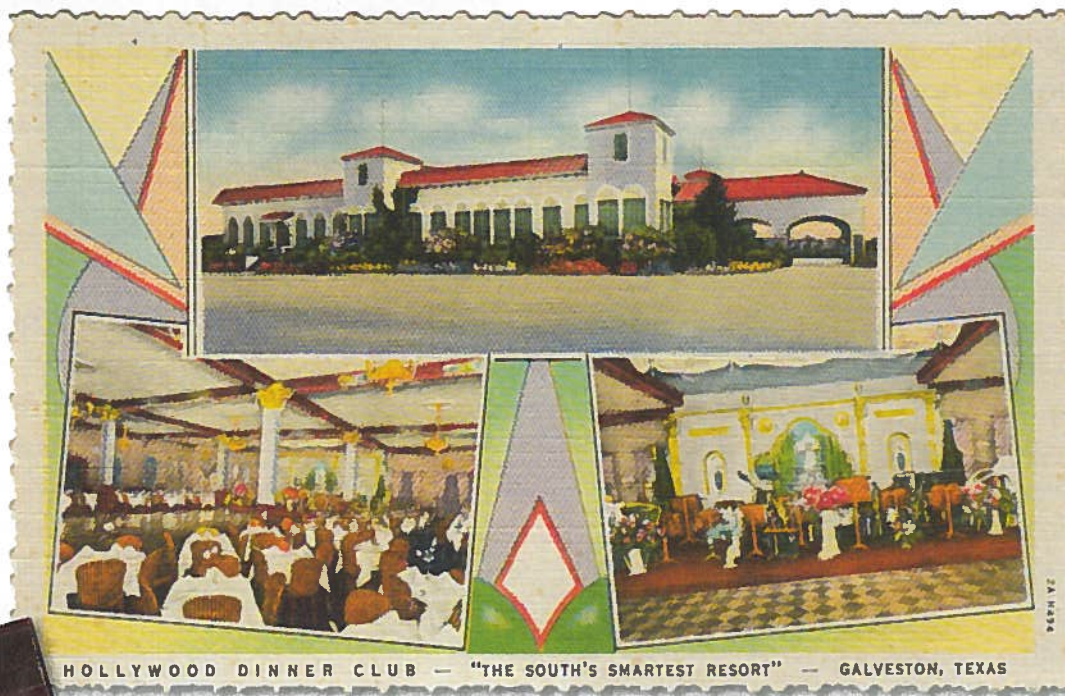
reached its intended destination. Through years of tough control, these two brothers gained the respect and fear of the Galveston underworld.

In 1924, while the bootlegging business was at its height,

the Maceo brothers met up with O. E. “Dutch” Voight, a local wiseguy. They decided to expand their operations into gambling and opened several

small clubs on the island. Their interests in hosting grew until 1926, when the group bought the Hollywood Dinner Club and transformed it into the swankiest club in town.

It was at the Hollywood Dinner Club where the Maceos found their strengths and learned the gambling trade. Vastly different from one another, their trust made the partnership strong and their gambling empire prospered from it.



strengthening organized crime than the “Noble Experiment” of 1919. With its miles of open beaches, Galveston was a perfect distribution point for booze from the Caribbean and Mexico. Skiffs loaded to the

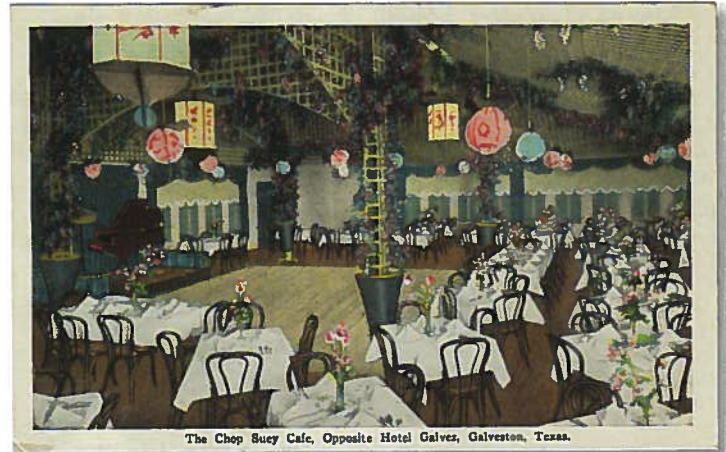
The Balinese Room

Rosario “Papa Rose” Maceo was the dominating force and the financial brains behind the partnership. He was known to be shrewd in negotiations and unforgiving. Notorious for a short temper, he was once acquitted for killing a man during an argument. He was the kind of a man who people did not want to disappoint and would never double cross. This was never better illustrated than in the case where his first wife was mysteriously murdered – along with the man she was having an affair with. Neither murders were ever solved.

Salvatore “Sam” Maceo was just the opposite. He was the front man of the team with a smile and a well mannered demeanor. He was comfortable hobnobbing with the celebrities and took great pride in giving back to the community with charitable benefits.

It was Sam who was the face of the Maceos, and Rose the brawn. Together these two worked their strengths and were able to finesse the locals while at the same time frighten the competition. This image of the friendly godfathers helped them do business without much opposition.

It has never been clear whether the local police merely turned a blind eye to the gambling in Galveston (after all, they brought jobs and prosperity), or whether they were on the take. Either way, the Maceos were allowed to run their gambling empire with little to fear from the law. Their only obstacle to complete impunity was the Texas Rangers, who made it a point to come down to the island on occasion and show their strength by publicly



crushing slot machines or grinding up dice tables. Though these raids were little more than occasional nuisances, the negative publicity was an embarrassment and prompted the Maceos to come up with what they believed to be a raid proof club.



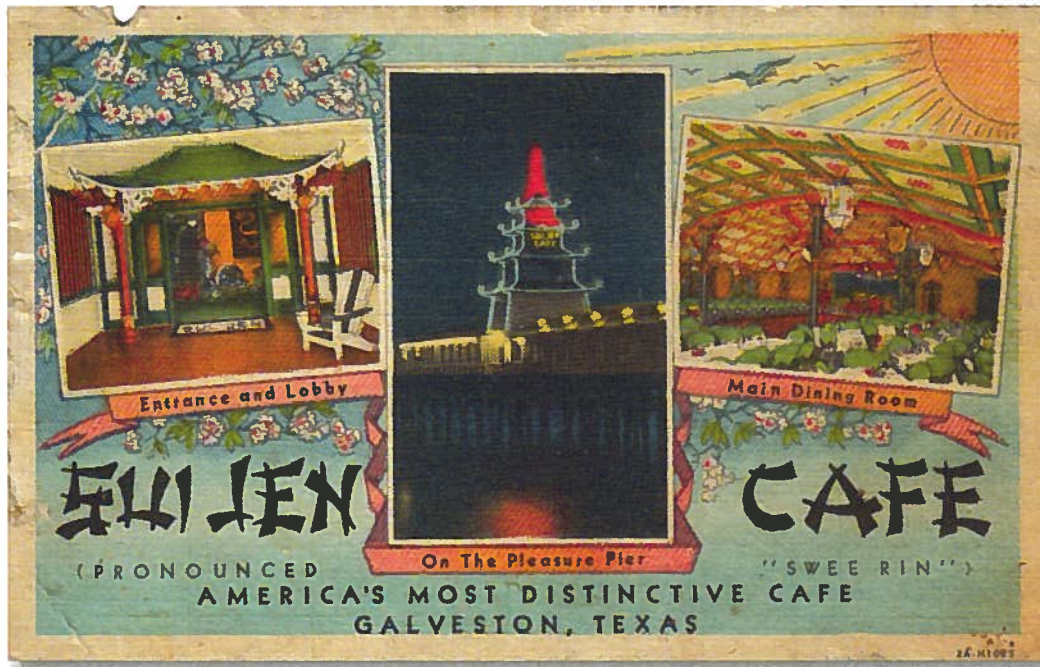
A very rare photo of the Maceo’s first gambling establishment The Grotto. No chips, matchbooks, ashtrays or any other memorabilia is known.

The Balinese Room was not designed from the ground up, but evolved over time and through many stages. The first was when the Maceos bought a dinner club called the Chop Suey which had the unusual location of standing out on a pier at the end of 21st Street and jutting out over the Gulf of Mexico.

They immediately started renovating it by setting up a dinner club in the front of the building and establishing a small gambling club in the back. With all this in place, they opened in 1929 as the Grotto (sometimes referred to as Maceo’s Grotto).

The Grotto was immediately successful, but the brothers were not content. They wanted to make a statement and thus started the second phase of the club's evolution.

In 1932, the club was completely transformed into an Oriental splendor and renamed the Sui Jen Club (pronounced Swee Rin).



It was with the Sui Jen that the Maceos hit their stride. The club brought in the best entertainment in and the biggest gambling stakes. For almost a decade the club was able to attract the big oil money from neighboring Houston and parts all over the world. It was famous and seemingly untouchable until December 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and the war was brought home. Knowing that patriotic Texans would not be seen in a place called the Sui Jen, they closed the doors, brainstormed, and went to work remodeling.

When the Balinese Room (named after the Dutch controlled and American ally Bali Island) opened its doors in 1942, the citizens of Galveston knew this club would be the spotlight on their city. Weekly entertainment was nothing short of the biggest Hollywood had to offer – Frank Sinatra, George Burns, Sophie Tucker, Bob Hope, the

list goes on. The gambling in the back was also extended and more and more money poured into the club and the Maceo's pockets.

During this time of prosperity (both during and after the war), the Maceos expanded their empire. They not only controlled most of the illegal gambling action on the island,

but they also owned the local coin operated business. Every hotel, gas station, laundry mat and grocery store contained Maceo machines. Their control was so strong and complete that nobody dared



compete. Small clubs did exist in Galveston, but only with the permission (and profit cut) of the Maceo brothers.

With business interests all over the island, the Maceos bought a building and established their corporate headquarters there, calling it the Turf Athletic Club. Although it did indeed contain a gym, along with the offices the upper floors consisted of two gambling clubs (the Western Room and the Studio Lounge) and a large off-track betting center.

Even with their interests stretched far and wide, their focus was on the Balinese Room and all the prestige and money it brought it. Although the residents of Galveston enjoyed the prosperity which the Maceos brought, not everyone was happy. The Texas Rangers, with their long standing resentment of Galveston's brazen flaunting of the

The Balinese Room

law, continued their harassment of the clubs.

They swept in from time to time to make a rush on the clubs, but never could they find their way to catch the Balinese Room in the act. With the bulk of the building

were handed down – including the Maceos. Even though these indictments would eventually be dismissed (by judge friends of the Maceos), the writing was on the walls.

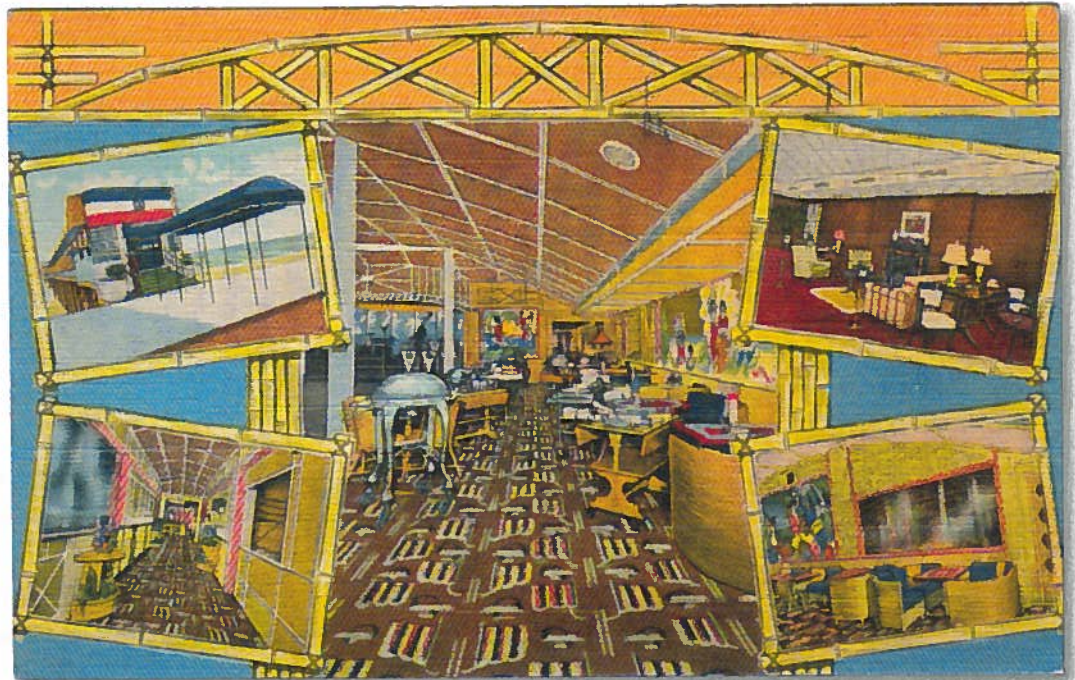
Locally, a Texas Attorney General named Price Daniels was gearing up for a 1952 governorship run and made organized crime a key point. This coincided with Tennessee Senator Estes Kefauver's run for the White House using the same platform on crime reform. This added heat, along with the nation starting to embrace morality over sin, drove gambling underground in Galveston. It was still rampant, but the operators were seen more and more as criminals instead of celebrities. To make things worse, Las Vegas was drawing in the best talent, both entertainment and employees. The big money patrons flocked to the desert instead of the beach for their gambling needs.



standing over the Gulf and the only entrance being the front door, the club served its purpose well as a raid proof building. In the time it took the Rangers to come through the front door, weave through the patrons, run down the long hallway and break through the back door, all the slot machines and tables were hidden in secret compartments. Even though the gambling was renown in the club, they could never find proof.

For the Balinese Room, the beginning of the end came when front man Sam Maceo passed away in 1951, followed by the brains Rose Maceo in 1954. The torch was passed to the next generation when the young cousins to the Maceos,

As the 1940s faded away, sentiment of the good old days of gambling in Galveston were starting to wane. The openness of the island's vices were becoming a problem for the state officials, resulting in a firmer hand being used. In 1951, for the first time, indictments against gambling

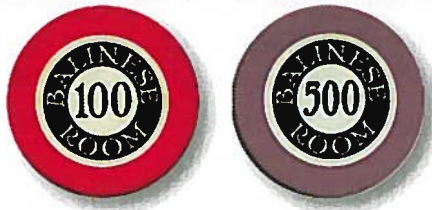


Anthony, Frank and Victor Fertitta, bought the interest in the clubs and took over. They would continue operating for a few years, but finally closed the doors to the Balinese Room in May 1957 and moved to Las Vegas.

The structure of the Balinese Room stood empty and vulnerable to the elements. In 1961, a devastating category 5 hurricane named Carla swept through Galveston and almost brought the building down. She survived, barely. In 1983 a smaller Hurricane Alicia punched Galveston but failed to bring her down.



little the residents could do on that September 2008 evening as the sea swelled and started pounding the Balinese Room. Perhaps it was the confidence gained after surviving so many other attacks from the sea, but it was hard to imagine that with the morning light there would be no more of the grand



Balinese Room.

Today, all that remains are cracked pylons, memories and the countless memorabilia remaining after decades of being one of America's premier gambling clubs.



Photo by Greg Galloway



The start of the new millennium had great hopes for the Galveston landmark when a local group bought the building and set about repairing and renovating it. In 2001, the Balinese Room was reopened. Gone were the casino and Frank Sinatra, replaced by salons and retail shops. Perhaps not the days of old, but it was nice to see the club restored to her glory.

Her new life as a tourist stop was short lived however. There was



Lost and Found!

By Mike Scherer #R7978

My name is Mike Scherer and I am a new member of CC>CC #7978. I would like to share a personal story that readers will hopefully find ironic and interesting.

First of all, I was born and raised in a small steel town on the Ohio River. My father was a local bar owner and also an avid gambler. Once all of us kids would go to bed, my dad would hold his annual card game in the kitchen. He, along with another local bar owner, would play cards all night and the winner would go to Las Vegas.

Being the gambler he was, my dad would teach me different games. And so that I might have an edge later in life, he would give me tips on how to overcome the odds. At a young age one of my favorite hobbies was playing card games and along with this I started collecting. Of everything I have collected, coins are my favorite. One day my younger brother and I found a handful of Indian head pennies in my mother's bedroom. We took the pennies, put them in our pockets and went out to play football. Once we returned home we realized the pennies were no longer in our pockets and we had lost them. I took it upon myself to try and return all of my mother's pennies. For years I bought all the pennies I could find. Today I have two complete sets of pennies which have become quite valuable.

I am now 62 years old and still enjoy gambling and collecting coins. My wife and I have visited hundreds of casinos and I have chips from almost every one.

My first trip to Las Vegas was in the late 1960's. The advice my dad gave me was not to play a game for money until I really understood the game. So I figured the best way to learn was on a quarter crap table. The first time I played craps was at the Golden Nugget. I do not remember whether I won or lost but I did leave with two twenty-five cent casino chips as souvenirs. I never would have thought that those two chips would be the beginning of my favorite collection.

So far I have been putting my chips in ajar. This year my

jar was finally full and it was time to find a new place to keep them. One afternoon at work I met Mike Auterson, a member of CC>CC, and he introduced me to the club. Since then, Mike and I have been trading chips. I showed Mike my very first casino chip and explained to him that I did have two of them but, somehow over the last 40 years, I lost one. Mike's eyes lit up when he saw my twenty-five cent chip and informed me that it booked in the TCR for between \$75 and \$99. Of course after hearing this I really wished I had never lost the other chip. When I went home that evening I locked the chip in my safe and told my family of its value.

Not long after this, a friend and I were looking for casino chips at an antique mall. Somehow I mentioned to my friend that my college roommate, Doug, lived close and it would be great to visit with him. Once we arrived at Doug's house I showed him the casino chips I had just bought and he said that he had something he needed to give me. I nearly passed out when Doug handed me the casino chip that I had lost so many years earlier. I could not believe that Doug had kept that casino chip and now I could put it back in my collection.

I enjoy being a member of CC>CC and appreciate the opportunity to share the stories of my collecting adventure!



Left Mike Scherer Right: Doug Webb

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Update from the Auction Chairman

by David Spragg

The 2009 Bruce Landau Memorial Auction will once again be held during the convention, on Friday, June 26th, 2009 at 5.30pm.

This years auction comprises 200 lots (including donated lots), of which 20 donated lots will be auctioned by way of silent auction, at the auction table on the bourse floor.

Once again I have been very selective in the material to be auctioned this year, and am confident we are offering 200 lots of the highest quality. Consequently there will be a minimum bid of \$50 on any item, and some items valued at \$500 and up will carry reserves. One further point I do need to stress now is the enforcement from the 'terms and conditions' that every successful buyer who is present in the auction room will be required to pay for their lots before the end of the convention, regardless of whether they choose to collect them (and pay the Nevada Sales Tax) or not.

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For convention absentees and those not wishing to bid in person, I offer the opportunity to bid by email, and /or by proxy in the auction room. Convention go-ers will also be able to view the lots in the main convention hall before the auction and place bids at that time. Our usual 'scoreboard' showing the high bids for each lot will again be in use. I intend to publicise the auction as widely as possible through the club, and early bids are always encouraged as in the event of equal bids, the earliest will take precedence. I will also maintain an online listing of the current high bids right from the time the catalog is published.

If you are not regularly on-line and will need details of the catalog, the opportunity to bid in advance or by proxy, or have any other enquiries on the auction, please use auction@ccgccc.com to contact me.

I am going to take this opportunity to give some thanks in advance to the other people who have helped or will help this all to happen. While I don't have an official 'co-chairman', both Gene Trimble and Luke Rapley have made themselves available to deal with any logistical issues of me being 6,000 miles away, avoiding the need for any of the consignments to be sent to the UK. Debby Meister is helping prepare the scans for the catalog, our regular auctioneer Jim Kruse will once again be entertaining you, and Alex Cilento will be manning the viewing tables in the convention hall.

My last thanks go to all that have consigned lots to the auction, and in particular to those who donated lots for the club to keep 100% of the proceeds. Of particular note here was the wonderful donation of 12 scarce chips from David Sarles, who continues to show unprecedented support for the club.

The chips shown at the end of this report are pieces from the auction catalog.

Advance bidding is now available, and you can do this by email (preferred) or mail.

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Please also note that you may place advance (but not proxy) bids on the first 20 (silent auction) lots and any such bids will form the opening bids for the bourse floor. I encourage everyone to bid on these lots as they are all donated with 100% proceeds to the club.

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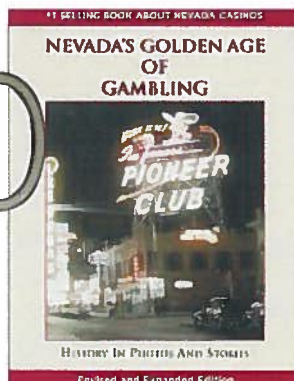
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Up until now, there has never been a uniform, standardized way of filing a Claim against another member for an alleged Code of Ethics violation. Claims have been filed over the years in formats ranging from hand written notes, typed 5-6 page letters to just an email saying "I want to file a claim against _____".

Most of the time the information provided to the Club is vague and/or incomplete. The Claims Director may spend more time gathering basic information that should have been provided in the first place, than on resolving the issue at hand.

This form provides all the basic information needed by the Club, in written form, first hand from the member filing the complaint.

The process will work as follows:

1. Fill out the form completely, sign and date it.
2. Forward it Vice-President Jay Sands.
3. V.P. Sands will make an initial determination on the Claim.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, V.P. Sands will forward the form to the Claims Director to open a Claims Investigation.
5. The Claims Director will work to mutually resolve the matter between the parties or if that is not possible, make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appropriate action.
6. The Board will act on the recommendation and the final report of the Claims Director. The parties involved will be notified of the final decision of the Board by Vice President Thompson.

IF you find it necessary to file a Claim against a fellow Club member, please help us to resolve the matter as quickly as possible by using the Claims Form.

*The form will be available on the Club website at www.ccgccc.com for you to download and print out. We are working on a program that will allow you to fill out the form online and send it electronically to Vice President Sands. We will notify the membership once this format is available.

Reward Fund

Several years ago, the Club had a standing offer to help deter theft of member's collections. Somewhere along the way it was either dropped, forgotten or just faded into obscurity. The Board has voted to reintroduce the reward offer. We would like to thank Jim Reilly for his research and assistance with this project. The terms of the offer are similar to those used by the ANA. Please contact any member of the BOD for further information.

The Club offers a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons charged with the theft of any part of a club member's collection.

The Club will pay a reward as follows:

If the retail value of the stolen property is less than \$5,000, the reward is \$250

If \$5000 to \$20,000, the reward is \$500

If greater than \$20,000, the reward is \$1000.

The purpose of this reward offer is to increase the likelihood of apprehending and convicting those who steal from club members, as well as to increase the likelihood of recovering the stolen property. The reward offer, however, is not intended to reimburse any club member's loss. It is each member's responsibility to maintain insurance against losses of this kind.

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Reference Center

Welcome to the CC>CC Reference Center! Here you will find useful information on the hobby of casino chip and gaming token collecting.

Casino Chip & Token News - A publication of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club

This official club quarterly is a must-read for every casino collectible enthusiast.

For The Beginner

- [CCGTCC Mentoring Program](#) - Help others or find help for yourself!
- [2005 Buyer's Guide to Casino Collectibles](#) - Be an informed collector!
- **Ask The Expert!** - a list of CC>CC members who have volunteered to answer your questions.
- [Chip Conditions](#) - an official list of CC>CC sanctioned terminology used to describe chip condition.
- [Glossary](#) - an extensive list of the terminology used in our hobby - a "Chiptionary", if you will.
- [Chip FAQ](#) - a huge list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding our hobby.
- [Chipology 101](#) - a great intro-to-chipping seminar presented at the national convention.
- [Cleaning Chips](#) - a good primer on cleaning casino chips.
- [Mold Designs](#) - Robert Eisenstadt's mold design project.

Detailed Reference

- [Fakes/Fantasy/Counterfeits](#) - a large list of fake, fantasy, and counterfeit chips - includes pictures.
- [Brass Core](#) - a thorough presentation of the brass core controversy.
- [Fraternal Order of Eagles](#) - Aeries listed numerically
- [Cancelled Chips](#) - Nevada Casino Chips Known To Exist Cancelled

Books, Magazine Articles, etc.

- [Club Library](#) - a list of club reference material that you can check-out and use.
- [Gaming In Atlantic City](#) - by Steve Piccolo
- [Playboy Cheques, Chips & Tokens](#) - by Tom Stroh
- [Knapp on Books](#) - A series of book reviews by Michael Knapp
- [The Flamingo Capri Revisited](#) - by Mike Quinlivan
- [Casino Chip and Token News](#) - Back issues

The Education section of the CC>CC website offers valuable information on chip collecting, whether you're new to the hobby or have been collecting for years.

In this section you will find reference material about fakes and counterfeits, cancelled chips, brass core chips and much more. *Ask The Expert* gives you access to over 50 collectors who can answer any question about collecting. Each collector is an expert in a particular field. Whether it's casino chips, tokens, silver strikes, ashtrays, dice or collecting by state, country or casino, you can find help here.

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